

WAR ENDS IN ITALY; NAZIS QUIT BERLIN FALLS TO THE RUSSIANS

GERMAN CAPITAL CAPTURED AFTER 11 DAYS OF BITTER STREET FIGHTING

City's Commander, 70,000
Others Taken Prisoner
—Rostock Seized by
Soviet Forces in 40-
Mile Gain in North.

NEW LEDE ALL RUSS—
LONDON, May 2 (AP).—
Premier Stalin announced to-
night the fall of Berlin. The
battle for the German capital
began April 21.

The announcement of the
complete conquest of Berlin
was made by the Moscow
radio which said 70,000 Ger-
mans were captured in the
cleanup of the city.

Stalin's order termed the capital
"the center of German imperial-
ism."

He said the Nazi garrison had
laid down its arms today and re-
sistance had ceased at 3 p. m.
Moscow said Berlin's military
commander, Artillery Gen. We-
berling, was among those captured.
Rostock Taken in North.

In two earlier orders of the day
Stalin had announced the capture
of Rostock on the Baltic and the
killing or capture of 120,000 en-
circled troops southeast of Berlin
resulting in the destruction of the
German Ninth Army between
April 24 and May 2.

The new advance on the crum-
bling German northern front was
made by Marshal Konstantin K.
Rokossovsky's Second White Rus-
sian Army, which streaked west
in a 40-mile surge from Stralsund,
captured Rostock and Wismar,
marching directly on the coast far-
ther north. Teterow, 23 miles
southeast of Rostock, and Ribnitz

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Little Change

THE TEMPERATURES.

1 a. m.	52	9 a. m.	53
2 a. m.	52	10 a. m.	54
3 a. m.	52	11 a. m.	54
4 a. m.	52	12 noon	58
5 a. m.	52	1 p. m.	61
6 a. m.	51	2 p. m.	59
7 a. m.	52	3 p. m.	59
8 a. m.	52	4 p. m.	59
9 a. m.	52	5 p. m.	59
10 a. m.	52	6 p. m.	59
11 a. m.	52	7 p. m.	59
12 noon	52	8 p. m.	59
1 p. m.	52	9 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	52	10 p. m.	59
3 p. m.	52	11 p. m.	59
4 p. m.	52	12 noon	59

Normal maximum this date, 71; normal
minimum, 53.

Yesterday's high, 60 at 2:30 p. m.; low,
49 at 6 a. m.

Relative humidity at 7 a. m., 96 per cent.
Weather in other cities—Page 4A.

Puller report, 24 hours to 9 a. m.: oak, 30.

Official forecast

for St. Louis and

vicinity: Partly

cloudy tonight

and tomorrow;

little change in

temperature to-

night, lowest to-

morrow morning

about 48; some-

what cooler to-

morrow, highest

temperature in

afternoon about

58; rather windy

tonight.

Missouri: Partly

cloudy and

windy tonight;

showers in east

portion, cooler in

west central and

extreme north

portions; lowest

temperatures 40 to 45 in extreme

TRUMAN BELIEVES HITLER DEAD, ON BEST AUTHORITY

Doenitz Fires Ribbentrop and Names Con-
servative in His Place—Old Nazi
Leaders Silent.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—
President Truman said today that
he had it on the best authority
that Adolf Hitler is dead. The
President did not say what his
authority was but declared he was
convinced that the former Ger-
man Fuehrer had actually been
killed.

This was the first official com-
ment from the White House on
a German announcement that Hit-
ler had "fallen" in battle.

LONDON, May 2 (AP).—Grand
Adm. Karl Doenitz moved swiftly
today in his role of successor
to Adolf Hitler to shake up the
Nazi military and diplomatic
fronts in efforts apparently di-
rected toward a last-ditch fight
in Norway.

However, 15 hours after the
Hamburg radio had announced the

death of Hitler not a single top-
ranking Nazi party man and only
two ranking commanders had
come forth to pledge allegiance to
Doenitz as Fuehrer.

One of the first acts of Doenitz
was to dismiss Foreign Minister
Joachim von Ribbentrop and re-
place him with Count Lutz
Schwerin-Krosigk, finance minis-
ter in the Von Papen and Von
Schleicher cabinets as well as in
the Hitler government which suc-
ceeded them.

Change in Command.

Gen. Franz Boehme, German
commander in chief in Norway,
pledged allegiance to Doenitz in
a broadcast order of the day call-
ing on his forces to fight to the
end.

Norwegian officials in London
said Doenitz was reported to have
dismissed Adm. Otto Ciliax, Ger-
man naval commander in Norway
since March, 1943, because he fav-
ored the Russians.

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HITLER'S 'HEROIC' END QUESTIONED BY EISENHOWER

Discloses Himmler Said
on April 24 Fuehrer
Was So Ill He Could
Not Live Two Days.

PARIS, May 2 (AP).—Gen.
Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized
a statement today that Heinrich
Himmler had told Swedish Count
Folke Bernadotte at a meeting at
Luebeck April 24 that Germany
was finished, and "Hitler was so
ill he might already be dead."

(Count Bernadotte is the inter-
mediary through whom Himmler
offered German surrender to the
United States and Great Britain.)

The Supreme Headquarters
statement added that at that time,
more than a week before Hitler's
purported hero's death was an-
nounced by the Hamburg radio,
Himmler had said Hitler "could
not be expected to live more than
two days longer."

German Gen. Schillenberger, who
was present at the meeting, said
Hitler was suffering from a brain
hemorrhage, the statement said.

"Adm. (Karl) Doenitz's statement
therefore that Hitler met a hero's
death at his post is in contradic-
tion with the facts given by Him-
mler and Gen. Schillenberger," the
supreme headquarters statement
said.

Eisenhower added that "nothing
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HANNEGAN TAKEN INTO CABINET; TVA JOB IS LILIENTHAL'S

St. Louisan Succeeds
Walker as Postmaster
General July 1—Keeps
Party Position.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—
Robert Hannegan of St. Louis,
chairman of the Democratic Na-
tional Committee, has been named
Postmaster General, effective July
1, to succeed Frank C. Walker,
who has resigned. Hannegan
will stay on as Democratic chair-
man.

President Truman announced
Walker's resignation at a press
conference and said he had ac-
cepted it grudgingly. The reappoint-
ment of David Lillenthal as director of
the Tennessee Valley Authority for
another nine-year term also was
announced today by President
Truman. Lillenthal's reappoint-
ment had been opposed by Senators
McKellar and Stewart, Tennessee
Democrats, but supported by Ala-
bama Senators Hill and Bankhead
and other Southern Democrats.

10 PCT. FOOD CUT FOR YANKS IN EUROPE ON 'LIGHT DUTIES'

LONDON, May 2 (AP).—A 10
per cent cut in food rations for
American troops engaged in
"light duties" in the European
theater was ordered today because
of the food shortage.

'Don't Believe It' Is Reaction Here to Report Hitler Is Dead

(Picture on Page 4A.)

St. Louisans received the report
of Adolf Hitler's death last night
with considerable skepticism and
only a flurry of excitement. The
immediate reaction of many, who
rushed to newsstands for late edi-
tions of newspapers, was that of
strong disbelief.

Homebound office workers
stopped long enough in the heavy
rain to buy newspapers. After
reading several sentences of the
story as announced by the Nazi
radio, some said with conviction:
"I don't believe it." News-
paper vendors reported selling all
their papers in a very short time.

In the lobby of the Railway Ex-
change Building at Sixth and
Olive streets, Sammy Maccluso, a
newsstand vendor of 4537 Fair
avenue, tucked at his tightly
bound bundles of late editions,
shouting "Yoo hoo, Hitler dies."

When his first customer asked
whether the report was true, he
replied, "It's gotta be."

At a downtown theater, where
the news of Hitler's death was
announced over a public address
system, only a few people ap-

plauded; most were unmoved. Only
a scattered few clapped when the
announcement was broadcast at
8:04 o'clock at the Fox, Missouri
and St. Louis theaters on North
Grand boulevard.

Pedestrians in the Grand
Olive section, who were questioned
by a reporter replied, generally, "I
won't believe it until the Allies
positively confirm it." Some per-
sons recalled news stories stating
that Hitler had a "double" who
might die for him in Berlin, leav-
ing Hitler free to escape to the
underground.

An overseas veteran, questioned
about the report, told a reporter,
"When they show the body to
American officials, I'll believe it.
Killed in the battle for Berlin?"
That's terrible. Now they'll put
him down as a martyr."

Another man said: "They're
trying to save Hitler's neck." A
companion replied: "We'll, if he's
really dead, he died 20 years too
late."

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BRITISH CAPTURE BALTIC PORT OF LUEBECK, CUT OFF DENMARK

SURRENDER OF GERMANS IN HOLLAND IS IMMINENT, LUXEMBOURG RADIO SAYS

LONDON, May 2 (AP).—
THE Luxembourg radio said
tonight that a German cap-
itulation in Holland was im-
minent. The radio, which is
Allied-controlled, said reports
from the Canadian front indi-
cated, armistice negotiations
had been in progress more than
24 hours.

A dispatch from the Cana-
dian front quoted a captured
German officer as saying that
Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz had
ordered German troops facing
the western Allies to cease
fighting and to withdraw to the
east to oppose the Russians.

There was no confirmation.

PARIS, May 2 (AP).—A Reuters
dispatch from Field Marshal Sir
Bernard L. Montgomery's head-
quarters today said British troops
had captured Luebeck on the Bal-
tic Sea, sealing off Denmark and
Hamburg and splitting the enemy
pocket in northern Germany.

The dispatch said the British
also had captured the port of Wis-
mar, 30 miles east of Luebeck and
only 29 miles from the Russians
on the Baltic coast who took Ros-
tock today.

Field dispatches received earlier
said the Germans were fleeing
wildly toward the German penin-
sula of Schleswig-Holstein and
Denmark under the terrible lash-
ing of British warplanes which
yesterday and today destroyed
more than 1000 German vehicles.

(A dispatch—telephoned from
Copenhagen to the Associated
Press in Stockholm—said that the
possibility of an imminent peace
was mentioned for the first time
today in editorials in Copenhagen
newspapers. The information was
sent by Kaj Schou, who had been
the Associated Press correspond-
ent in Copenhagen before Ameri-
can Ninth Army troops had not
yet entered into the war, but had
not been heard from until today.)

The German pocket between
Hamburg and Berlin was cut into
yet another segment today when
American Ninth Army troops
made new contacts with the
Russians in the areas of Witten-
berge and Arenburg, 60 and 45
miles northwest of Berlin.

Parade in the South.

In the south, the American
Third and Seventh and the
French First armies were advanc-
ing in Austria, South Bavaria and
Czechoslovakia without encounter-
ing any resistance worthy of the
name.

The announcement in Italy of
the surrender of German troops in
Italy and the southern and west-
ern provinces of Austria would
mean, if observed by local German
commanders, that the French First
Army and the American Seventh
generals and admirals, supreme
headquarters announced today.

Yesterday the Tenth Armored
Division of the American Sev-
enth Army liberated 90 French
and Belgian generals and minis-
ters at the Plan See prison
camp in Austria.

Among those liberated were
two former French cabinet
members, Yvon Delbos and M.
Ybarnegaray, and the French
generals, Emile Laure, Jean
Houdemon, Eugene Fouche and
Paul Bourget.

1,500,000 NAZIS TAKEN PRISONERS ON WESTERN FRONT DURING APRIL

PARIS, May 2 (AP).—
THE Allied Armies captured
more than 1,500,000 prison-
ers in April, including 150
generals and admirals, supreme
headquarters announced today.

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Winners and Loser in Italy



GEN. CLARK

FIELD MARSHAL
ALEXANDER

COL. GEN. VON VIETINGHOFF-SCHEEL

GREW CONFIRMS HIMMLER OFFER TO U. S., BRITAIN AS V-E DAY NEARS

Surrender Proposal Ex-
cluded Russia—Gesta-
po Chief Said He Was
Ruling Reich.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—
Acting Secretary of State Joseph
C. Grew today verified reports
that Heinrich Himmler had offered
a German surrender.

Grew made it clear that Himmler's
surrender offer did not ex-
tend to Russia, and hence was not
accepted by the United States and
Britain. In fact Himmler said,
Grew declared, that he hoped to
be able to continue to fight on
the eastern front.

Himmler said Hitler was so ill
he might already be dead and
could not live more than two days,
and that he, Himmler, was there-
fore in full authority, Grew de-
clared. Himmler wanted to meet
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to
surrender the whole western front.
(Field Marshal Karl von Rund-
stedt, who was captured near Mun-
ich yesterday by American troops,
said, when informed of the Ham-
burg radio broadcast that Adm.
Karl Doenitz had succeeded Hit-
ler, that Doenitz "had been in
charge for some time.")

Made Through Sweden.

The first overture by the Nazi
Gestapo chief was made the night
of April 24 through Swedish For-
eign Minister Gunther.

Count Folke Bernadotte, an of-
ficer of the Swedish Red Cross,
acted as intermediary.

Grew gave this chronological ac-
count of the Himmler offer in
order, he said, to set the record
straight:

At 11 o'clock on the night of
April 24 the American minister
to Sweden, Herschel V. Johnson,
and the British minister, Sir Vic-
tor Mallett, were summoned by
Swedish Foreign Minister Gun-
ther.

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SURRENDER YIELDS MILLION MEN AND PARTS OF AUSTRIA

Hostilities Cease (As of 7 A. M. St.
Louis Time) Under Unconditional
Capitulation Signed Sunday —
Germans' Flank in Trieste Area
Exposed.

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ROME, May 2 (AP).—Col. Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff-
Scheel today unconditionally surrendered all German land,
sea and air forces in Italy and southern and western Austria.
Under the terms of the surrender, hostilities ceased at 12
noon, Greenwich mean time (7 a. m. St. Louis war time).

Field Marshal Sir Harold L. Alexander announced the
surrender was signed at Allied force headquarters at Caserta
Sunday afternoon.

Von Vietinghoff-Scheel's com-
mand includes all northern Italy
to the Isonzo River in the north-
east, and the Austrian provinces
of Vorarlberg, Tyrol, Salzburg,
and parts of Carinthia and Styria.

"The enemy's total forces in-
cluding combat and rear echelon
troops surrendered to the Allies
are estimated to number nearly
1,000,000 men," Alexander an-
nounced.

"Fighting troops include re-
mnants of 22 German and six Ital-
ian Fascist divisions."

The surrender opened the south-
ern gateway of the Nazis southern
rebound in the Bavaria and the
Austrian panhandle. A junction of
the Allied armies in Italy with
three of Gen. Dwight D. Eisen-
hower's armies in south Germany
and in Austria might be expected
soon. The American Seventh Army
yesterday was reported 12 miles
from the northern entry to the
Brenner Pass.

The surrender also opens the
way for the Allies to advance to
within 10 miles of Berchtesgaden
and uncovers Gen. Lehr's flank
defending the Trieste area.

Terms Imposed.

The following terms were im-
posed in the surrender ending
one and one-half years of the bat-
tle of Italy:

1.—Unconditional surrender by
Von Vietinghoff-Scheel's com-
mand of all land, sea and air
forces to Marshal Alexander.

2.—Cessation of all hostilities
on land, sea, and in the air by
enemy forces at 12 noon, Green-
wich mean time.

3.—Immediate immobilization
and disarmament of enemy
forces.

4.—Obligation on the part of
the German commander in chief
to carry out any further orders
issued by Marshal Alexander, the
Allied supreme commander in
chief in the Mediterranean.

5.—Disobedience of the orders
or failure to comply with them
to be dealt with in accordance
with the laws of war.

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Today's War News

ROME—Germans in northern
Italy and southern and western
Austria surrender to forces of
Marshal Alexander and year-and-
a-half war in Italy ends; nearly
million enemy troops covered by
unconditional capitulation, which
exposes flank of Nazi forces in
Trieste area, invaded by Yugo-
slavs.

MOSCOW — Russians capture
Berlin; Stalin announces 120,000
enemy troops have been killed or
captured since April 24 in en-
circlement of German Ninth Army
southeast of capital.

PARIS — British have captured
Luebeck on Baltic, cutting off
Hamburg and Denmark, Reuters
reports; U. S. and French armies
in Austria and Bavaria advance
against virtually no resistance.

CALCUTTA — Allied parachu-
tists and sea-borne troops land on
both sides of Rangoon, already

threatened by advance of British
ground forces advancing from the
north.

MANILA—Japanese report 5000
Allied troops have landed on
Borneo and are fighting desper-
ately to expand their beachhead.

MacArthur reports air at-
tacks on Borneo but makes no
reference to invasion; Americans
on Mindanao push to within six
miles of Davao.

GUAM—Gen. Buckner estimates
half of Japanese force on Okina-
wa has been put out of action;
Americans advance on east and
west flanks, meet bitter resistance
in central sector; carrier planes
raid Sakishima Islands to south-
west.

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TONS OF SHELLS POURED INTO TIERGARTEN IN FINAL HOURS

SAPPERS BLAST WAY FOR TROOPS, SEAL UP SUBWAY OPENINGS IN PATH

Reds Subdue Fanatical Nazis in Hand-to-Hand Fighting in the Ruins of Famous Buildings in Wilhelmstrasse.

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and Marlow northeast of Rostock, also fell.

A dispatch from Twenty-first Army Group headquarters announced the British capture of Luebeck and Wismar in a drive cutting off Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein, Wismar is 29 miles west of Rostock, last big German port east of Hamburg.

Capture of Berlin.

The capture of Berlin came just a week after it was encircled by Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army and Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian Army.

One of the final points taken was the Reich chancellery—Adolf Hitler's reputed deathplace. A Soviet front dispatch said that the chancellery and the underground Tiergarten fortress and battered into the island of fanatical resistance centering around the Chancellery and the subterranean stronghold with which it was reported to be linked by tunnels.

Hitler had been reported directing the defense of Berlin from this underground headquarters.

14,000 Germans Taken in Day.

Little of the capital—perhaps no more than 10 square miles—remained in German hands after the Russians took the city. The Russians took the city and the administrative heart of the city and killed 800 Germans in yesterday's fighting. Moscow disclosed that 14,000 prisoners were captured Monday.

Soviet forces hammered step by step into the Tiergarten. Tanks and heavy weapons were positioned on the Wilhelmstrasse close to the Chancellery. Three columns closed in on the Tiergarten, reinforced by divisions which yesterday cleared the Charlottenburg and Schoenberg west and south of the Chancellery.

One column, which drove close to the Brandenburg gate, where Hitler denounces the Allies, the Tiergarten, the Chancellery and the famous buildings. Fighting also took place in the area of the former British Embassy.

Close Fighting in Tiergarten.

Driving southward from the Reichstag, Soviet troops had fought the Germans in bitter hand-to-hand fighting near Zeilen Allee in the Tiergarten and on Sieges Allee. The Nazis had strung with barbed wire and heavily mined all this territory. Felled trees hid many machine-gun posts.

Some of the sharpest battles raged in the Wilhelmstrasse sector south of the Brandenburg gate, where Germans and Russians battled in the ruins of once famous buildings. Farther south, between the Potsdamer station and the War Ministry, fighting was fierce.

Tons of Russian explosives were fired into the Tiergarten from mortars, rockets and light artillery. Moscow dispatches said that heroic Soviet sappers, crawling forward under terrible German fire, spearheaded the assault on the stronghold, dragging sacks of explosives behind them and demolishing obstacles and blocking entrances to subways believed to be connected with the underground fortress.

In Czechoslovakia two Soviet armies cleared the Vah River valley in Moravia and Slovakia and converged on Olmütz (Olomouc), great Moravian rail center.

Gen. Andrei I. Yeremenko's Fourth Ukrainian mountain troops had linked with Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army in the Vah Valley after capture of Zilina, Carpathian stronghold, fourteen miles north of Zilina. Yeremenko's troops in

VON RUNDSTEDT CAPTURED BY AMERICANS NEAR MUNICH

Former West Front Chief Says Doenitz' Has Been in Charge for Sometime in Reich.

By HOWARD COWAN

WITH THE UNITED STATES SEVENTH ARMY, May 2 (AP).—Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt, until last March commander of German forces on the Western Front, was captured today in a hospital at Bad Toelz, 25 miles south of Munich.

The 69-year-old exponent of blitzkrieg strategy was seized by Thirty-sixth (Texas) Infantry Division troops.

In a statement at an American command post, Von Rundstedt declared it was senseless for Germany to continue fighting.

He said Gerd Adm. Karl Doenitz "has been in charge for some time" when formed of the Hamburg broadcast last night announcing the death of Adolf Hitler. He did not elaborate.

His whereabouts had been a matter of conjecture ever since he was succeeded by Field Marshal Albert Kesselring as the Western Front commander.

The official announcement of the capture said: "Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt was captured by the 141st Regiment of the Thirty-sixth Division of the Seventh Army, commanded by Col. Charles Owens. With von Rundstedt were his son and aide, Lt. Hans Gerd von Rundstedt, a driver and a medical aid man.

"Von Rundstedt was in retirement and taking treatment at Bad Toelz. He was living in a house that was part of a hospital.

"At 2200 hours (10 p. m.) on May 1 von Rundstedt and his wife and son had finished dining and at 11:45 time they expected the Americans in the morning. They saw an American tank approaching and its commander, Lt. Joseph Burke (address not given).

GREW CONFIRMS HIMMLER OFFER TO U. S., BRITAIN

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He and advised of Himmler's offer to surrender.

That night Johnson cabled the State Department that "Count Bernadotte met Himmler at Luebeck, Germany, at 10 o'clock on the morning of April 24 at Himmler's request."

Bernadotte asked if Norway and Denmark were included in the surrender offer and Himmler agreed to offer German troops in those countries to yield to American, British or Swedish troops.

On the afternoon of April 25 a meeting was held at the Pentagon building in Washington attended by President Truman, the joint chiefs of staff, and Grew.

Truman communicated with Prime Minister Churchill (presumably through the Army's overseas communications facilities) and they agreed upon messages to Stalin.

Truman summarized the Himmler offer in his message to Stalin. He stated that the American government proposed to reject it and to tell Himmler that the only acceptable offer would be unconditional surrender to the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

The next noon, April 26, the Soviet charge d'affaires, Nikolai Novikov, presented Stalin's reply to Grew, thanking and agreeing for the information and agreeing to the proposed message to Stockholm.

Grew went immediately to the White House with the Stalin message.

At 1 o'clock that afternoon Truman telegraphed the American legation in Stockholm advising the minister there that the only acceptable surrender would be unconditional to all three Allied governments on all fronts.

The message said German forces should surrender to local commanders in the field and that resistance continued after the American minister reported that Count Bernadotte had left that morning for Flensburg to take the message to Himmler. Flensburg is in Germany just below the Danish frontier.

Last night Stockholm reported that Bernadotte had returned there but that no reply had been received from Himmler.

"That," said Grew, "is a complete chronology. It's the whole story, day by day, hour by hour."

The initial message from Stockholm to the State Department re-



Associated Press Photo.
FIELD MARSHAL
VON RUNDSTEDT

of Company A, 141st Regiment, took him prisoner. It was Burke's first combat assignment since receiving his battlefield commission three weeks ago.

"Von Rundstedt said he last saw Hitler alive March 12."

A Swedish report last week said Adolf Hitler, raging over defeats on the Western Front, tore off Von Rundstedt's shoulder ornaments and hurled them in his face.

The Texas division had captured Adm. Nicholas Horthy, former regent of Hungary, the day before.

Rundstedt was perhaps the ablest strategist in the German Army. He was the victor in the 1940 campaign in France. His armies showed best in the opening drive against Russia. His Ardennes offensive last Christmas carried to within three miles of the Meuse and menaced Liege and Antwerp. In the last serious German attempt in the west to stave off defeat.

vealed that Gen. Schillenburg, Himmler's confidential staff officer, had said Hitler was suffering from brain hemorrhage, but did not indicate the Fuehrer's whereabouts.

2 WARSHIPS, 19 OTHER CRAFT SUNK BY U. S. SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—United States submarines have sunk 21 more enemy vessels, including two combatant ships, in Far Eastern waters, the Navy announced today.

The combatant ships claimed in the latest toll of Japanese losses were a destroyer and an escort vessel. Non-combatant ships included a destroyer transport, two medium cargo transports, two small cargo vessels, 12 medium cargo vessels, a large tanker and a medium tanker.

The total of Japanese vessels of all types sunk by submarines was raised to 1119, including 126 combatant craft and 993 non-combatant.

ALLIES TO OCCUPY AUSTRIA JOINTLY, COMMONS IS TOLD

LONDON, May 2 (AP).—Austria will be jointly occupied by American, Russian, British and French forces, Richard Law, minister of state, told the House of Commons today. He said that the terms of the Allied powers would take over already had been agreed on.

Law said recognition of the provisional Austrian government recently established under Dr. Karl Renner still was under discussion with Britain and the United States in "complete agreement."

The Moscow radio first announced the formation of the Austrian provisional government, but Law said so far as he knew Russia has not yet recognized Renner's administration.

Mary Pickford Sued for \$1,653,750

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (AP).—Film Director Gregory La Cava filed suit for \$1,653,750 against Mary Pickford, charging the former movie star had broken a contract for him to produce, write and direct the proposed screen version of the Broadway musical, "One Touch of Venus." Miss Pickford owns the screen rights to the play.

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TRUMAN CALLS ON YANKS STOPPED BERLIN DRIVE ON HIGHEST ORDER

Key Men to Stick Till Japs' Defeat

Asks Vinson to Pledge Business Men in War Posts—Plans V-E Day Appeal to Workers.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—President Truman laid the groundwork today for an intensive Government campaign to keep the country geared for war until Japan is crushed.

The President directed Fred M. Vinson, director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, to seek pledges from Government men and others in Government posts to stay on the job until Japan's defeat and until post-war production programs can be started.

Truman authorized Press Secretary Jonathan Daniels to say he was planning a V-E day radio appeal to the people to observe Germany's unconditional surrender, when it comes, by giving thanks, not by celebrating, and by vows to stay on war jobs.

The President in a letter to Vinson, forecast "critical personnel" problems in war-time agencies which, under the impact of executive orders, would be recruited from private life.

Asserting the Government "simply cannot afford to lose the services of its key personnel," Truman appealed to these men and women "to stick to their posts until the battle is won and the ship of state is safe in harbor again."

President's Letter.

The President's letter to Vinson follows:

"As V-E day approaches, many of our wartime agencies will face a most critical personnel problem. Under the impact of war, these agencies have recruited splendid executives from private life. In every grade and rank today the Government is served by splendid personnel. These men and women have rendered faithful, patriotic and effective service for the country in the most critical problems of war on the home front.

"These agencies cannot afford to relax their efforts or to disband their trained staffs after V-E day. A tremendous job ahead in bringing the entire war to a victorious conclusion. Beyond that, we must reconvert our domestic economy to peacetime production of goods and services. The tasks which lie ahead are no less important, no less urgent, no less vital to the future stability of our free institutions than the tasks which are behind us.

"In the months ahead, our Government simply cannot afford to lose the services of its key personnel. Through you, I am calling upon these men and women to stick to their posts until the battle is won and the ship of state is safe in the harbor again.

"I want you to write to the head of each one of our important home front agencies and ask him to canvass his key personnel, informing him of my request that these key workers stay on the job."

"I want the head of each agency, in so far as possible, to secure a pledge from the essential employees that they will not go home on V-E day, but will stay and help to finish the task. When the heads of the agencies have done this, I should like for them to report to you as to their success."

"These patriotic citizens who have devoted themselves unstintingly to the nation's welfare in time of war have earned the lasting gratitude of the American people. They have helped to pay that debt which every citizen in the democracy owes to his country and its institutions. But that debt is unpaid at least until we have finished the war and solved those urgent problems which war leaves in its aftermath. I reiterate with all the emphasis at my command that the nation cannot yet allow any man to leave his post of duty."

LIBERTY SHIP TORPEDOED OFF BRITAIN; 29 LOST

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—The Liberty ship Dan Beard broke in two and sank after being torpedoed off the British Isles "a few weeks ago."

The War Shipping Administration said today 17 merchant seamen and 12 members of the Navy armed guard are listed as dead or missing.

After several months of shuttle service between the British Isles and France, the Dan Beard, named for the long-time Boy Scout commissioner, was homeward bound when the enemy attack occurred.

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YANKS STOPPED BERLIN DRIVE ON HIGHEST ORDER

Army at Elbe at Time Officers Thought It Could Have Taken City.

By WES GALLAGHER

WITH THE UNITED STATES NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY, April 26 (Delayed by censorship) (AP).—A direct order from the United States Ninth Army's drive to Berlin at the Elbe River at a time when the most pessimistic officers were predicting the American First and Third Armies, Gen. William H. Simpson's forces could reduce the German capital in 10 days "even if the Germans fought hard."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's order stated the Ninth would halt on the Elbe and await the arrival of Russian forces from the east, thereby leaving the capture of the capital to the Red Army.

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War in Italy Ends With German Surrender

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with accepted laws and usages of war.

"The instrument of surrender stipulates that it is independent of, without prejudice to, and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by a secret route to Von Vietinghoff-Scheel and the other on behalf of the German armed forces as a whole." Allied headquarters in Italy announced.

Russians Present.

The surrender, which followed several days of secret negotiations, was signed in German and in English at the immense Italian royal castle at Caserta by two German plenipotentiaries and Lt. Gen. W. D. Morgan, Allied headquarters chief of staff.

Russian officers and six Allied press and radio reporters were among those present.

One German representative signed on behalf of Von Vietinghoff-Scheel and the other on behalf of Obergrouppenfuhrer Karl Wolff, supreme commander of the German armed forces in Italy.

"After signing the document of unconditional surrender the two German plenipotentiaries returned by a secret route to Von Vietinghoff-Scheel's headquarters in the high Alps to arrange the surrender of German and Italian Fascist land, air and naval forces," Allied headquarters said.

The German military heard Rome broadcasting this afternoon to the troops urging them to abide by the surrender terms and cease any hostilities.

Von Vietinghoff-Scheel was described officially as "German commander in chief in the south-west and commander in chief of Army Group C."

He is expected to come out of his hiding place in the Alps tomorrow and surrender formally either to Alexander or to Gen. Mark W. Clark somewhere in northern Italy.

The capitulation ended the longest and most difficult campaign American and British troops have fought in this war.

The latest report on American Army losses in the Mediterranean campaign, including North Africa and Sicily in addition to Italy, listed total casualties as 167,074, including 35,167 killed, up to last March 31.

Alexander's Message to Troops.

The surrender announcement was accompanied by this order of the day from Alexander to all Allied troops in the Mediterranean:

"After nearly two years of hard continuous fighting which started in Sicily in the summer of 1943 you stand today as victors of the Italian campaign.

"You have won a victory which has ended in the complete and utter rout of the German armed forces in the Mediterranean. By clearing Italy of the last Nazi aggressor, you have liberated a country of over 40,000,000 people.

"Today the remnants of a once proud army had laid down their arms to you—close on a million men with all their arms, equipment and impedimenta."

"You may well be proud of this great and victorious campaign which will long live in history as one of the greatest and most successful ever waged."

"No praise is high enough for you sailors, soldiers, airmen and workers of the United States in Italy for your magnificent triumph."

"My gratitude and my admiration is unbounded and only equalled by the pride which is mine in being your Commander in Chief."

Earlier, United States Fifth Army Headquarters had announced the surrender of German Gen. Jahn, commander of the Lombardy Corps of the Ligurian Army, with 200,000 Germans and many Italian Fascist troops.

Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, now a prisoner of the Allies, ordered the unconditional surrender of his Fascist Ligurian Army last night, telling his troops in a broadcast that "the time has arrived when further resistance would be useless and inhuman, and as far as I am concerned, criminal."

Lt. Gen. Pense, German chief of staff to the Ligurian Army, then told his troops they "must obey" Graziani's orders.

The Milan radio said today that Dr. Rudolf Rahn, German ambassador to the Italian Fascist Government, had surrendered to the Allies a few miles from the Swiss frontier.

A convoy of 30 enemy vessels, including the 1500-ton hospital ship Freising, surrendered off the Italian peninsula when two R.A.E. Hurricanes flew over at midday yesterday.

BUCHENWALD INMATE MADE BURGOMASTER OF WEIMAR

WEIMAR, Germany, May 2 (AP).—One of the "ghosts" of the notorious Buchenwald prison camp was installed yesterday as Burgomaster of Weimar, birthplace of the before-the-war German republic and home of Goethe and Schiller.

He was a 64-year-old German whose name is withheld for security reasons. The former political prisoner in the Buchenwald camp, seven miles from here, was given the civic post with support of the Allied Military Government.

The new burgomaster had spent eight months in Buchenwald after protesting the Nuremberg racial laws which broke up his family. His face shows the pallor of long confinement.

ALLIED TROOPS LAND AT RANGOON BY SEA AND AIR

Amphibious Forces Pour Ashore on Both Sides of Burma's Principal Port.

By WES GALLAGHER

CALCUTTA, May 2 (AP).—British warships have poured Allied forces ashore on the Burma coast on both sides of Rangoon following initial parachute landings in the area, the Southeast Asia Command announced today.

At last reports other British troops driving down from the north were less than 36 miles from the city, Burma's capital and major port.

A Southeast Asia Communique announced that on Monday and Tuesday a force of battleships, cruisers and destroyers of the East Indies Fleet bombarded airfields on Car Nicobar, in the Bay of Bengal, midway between the Andaman and the main Nicobar islands.

This strike was followed up by an air attack from aircraft carriers.

Later in the day a similar force attacked port installations at Port Blair. Results were satisfactory in all the attacks, the communique said.

During the operations in the Gulf of Martaban, three destroyers of the East Indies Fleet destroyed 10 small enemy craft which were proceeding from Rangoon to Moulmein, and some prisoners were taken.

The East Indies Fleet includes the French battleship Richelieu. In the ground action north of Rangoon, British armored columns yesterday stormed Pegu and cut the main road and rail escape routes for an estimated 30,000 Japanese troops remaining in southern Burma.

Pegu is 50 miles north of menaced Rangoon, on the only railroad and highway connecting the menaced Burma capital with Thailand.

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DECLARE FUEHRER 'FOUGHT TO LAST BREATH AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKS'

Swedish Source Says German Chief Was Unbalanced, Probably Died as Result of Bomb Plot Injuries.

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ered capitulation, and replaced him with Adm. Kranke. Kranke had been chief of naval staff to Adm. Fritz Boehme—not to be confused with Gen. Boehme—whom Ciliax had replaced. Field Marshal Schoerner, German commander in chief in the southern section of the eastern front, also pledged allegiance to Doenitz in a broadcast order of the day. He called on German soldiers to "fight on for freedom."

The Hamburg radio, slightly amplifying last night's announcement of Hitler's death, said the Russians had attacked Berlin's government quarter Tuesday, and in fighting which cost both sides heavy losses and during which the Fuehrer was killed, the Russians succeeded in deepening their breaches into the Wilhelmstrasse.

Whether the inner Nazi gang—Goering, Goebbels, Himmler, and Bormann—had fled, were dead, or were supporting Doenitz remained a mystery.

Effect on Nazi Resistance. A Moscow broadcast said German sailors had rioted at the Baltic port of Rostock, menaced by a Soviet push.

A report from the Canadian First Army front said the report of Hitler's death had had no immediate effect on German resistance in North Germany and Holland.

British newspapers, meanwhile, suggested that any chance of German surrender had receded as a result of Doenitz' emergence as the new Nazi strong man.

However, Schweinin-Krosigk, known as a conservative, joined the Nazi party late and is not considered an ardent Nazi. Doenitz' firing of Von Ribbentrop in favor of this Junker-like aristocrat would seem certainly not to endear him to the Nazi lunatic fringe.

If Doenitz had any ideas of trying to negotiate with the Allies, Schweinin-Krosigk—who had in a broadcast described as "a colorful official with correct manners"—might be less offensive than Von Ribbentrop. But so far there was no evidence that the Admiral was prepared to go to all three of his major enemies and place himself and the German government in their hands.

New Minister Speaks. Schweinin-Krosigk declared tonight in a broadcast tirade against "Bolshevism" that Germany still faced "the heaviest trial of the war." He also declared that "the world knows that a third world war would mean the end of mankind."

"The more ground the Bolsheviks gain, the quicker starvation in Europe," the Count said in a broadcast over the Hamburg radio. "This is the soil for Bolshevization. San Francisco is not the fulfillment for the wishes of the world."

"We could have saved Europe from Bolshevism if our rear had been free. The world is to be satisfied only if Europe is not flooded by Bolshevism."

How News Was Given. Hitler was consigned dramatically to "the twilight of the gods" by Nazi propagandists who had invoked Wagnerian symbolism in announcing his death last night. First inkling that the news of Hitler's death was coming was contained in a Hamburg radio broadcast yesterday at 9:43 p. m. (2:42 p. m. St. Louis time) instructing all Germans to keep their radios tuned for an important announcement.

Musik from Wagner's "Goetterdaemmerung," or "Twilight of the Gods" gave a hint of the news to come, for that opera, beloved by Hitler, tells of the death of the hero Siegfried.

Until 10:27 p. m. (3:27 p. m. St. Louis time), the time of the announcement, the radio played either Wagnerian music followed by Anton Bruckner's "Seventh Symphony," written to commemorate Wagner's death.

Then came the ruffles of drums, followed by the announcement that Hitler was dead and by Doenitz' declaration that he was Germany's new leader who would continue the fight against the Russians.

Then the radio played "Deutschland Lieber Alles," the German national anthem, and the blood-thirsty Horst Wessel, Nazi party anthem.

Nazi Version Doubled. From Stockholm came a report that Hitler possibly had suffered a stroke some days ago as the result of injuries he received last July in the plot to assassinate him.

The newspaper Dagens Nyheter said a prominent Swede, one of the last neutrals to leave Berlin, had declared that Hitler lived in a virtual vacuum in a bunker under the Reichs Chancellery.

The attempt on Hitler's life broke him completely, said the informant, who added that his

LOCHNER DOUBTS FUEHRER IS DEAD, SUSPECTS ESCAPE

Thinks Hitler May Turn Up Much Later as 'Resurrected' Leader, Again Stir World.

By LOUIS F. LOCHNER
Chief of the German Associated Press Bureau in Berlin
WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY, May 2 (AP).—I listened to the short-wave broadcast of Adm. Karl Doenitz's speech as the new Fuehrer of Germany, but I still find it difficult to believe that Adolf Hitler is really dead, or that he even remained in Berlin in the battle there against the Russians. The whole melodramatic build-up, beginning with Paul Joseph Goebbels' announcement days ago that Hitler personally was conducting the defense of the capital, now reaching its climax in the report that he met death in the Chancellery of all places, looks like an effort to make good Der Fuehrer's oft-repeated assertion, "I'll never capitulate."

Hitler couldn't afford to accept unconditional surrender, so what was the use of the legend of his meeting a hero's death had to be staged.

Thinks Hitler Is Hiding. Hitler may or may not be dead. If he is dead, it seems extremely unlikely he died as the German radio says he did. Having spent the last few days in the very section of the country where Hitler rose to power, wrote "Mein Kampf," and conducted affairs of intrigue with the whole world from Munich, I still cannot escape the feeling that Hitler is some place where nobody expects him to be. From time to time people will declare they have seen him.

The Doenitz announcement by no means ends our troubles with Hitler. They only have been put off. There may be state funeral in Berlin, and photographers may be given the opportunity to produce pictures of a dead man labeled Hitler. Then, some day, Hitler may again stir the world.

The appointment of Doenitz as Hitler's successor indicates the Nazi leadership desires someone as chief of state who possibly could negotiate with the Allies. Doenitz had no experience in government, and has no real hold on the affections of the German people. His appointment obviously was a political maneuver.

Doenitz is unlikely to be affected by his appointment. Hitler Arch War-Maker. Little did the one who was assigned duty as foreign correspondent in Germany during the days of the struggling Weimar Republic imagine that Hitler, the rubble-raising former Corporal and later a "resurrected" house painter, would one day play a role in history comparable to that of a Nero, a Caesar, a Genghis Khan, a Napoleon or an Alexander the Great.

Yet in a measure he surpassed all these earlier devotees of carnage and conquest. For, it can be said that no single man in the entire history of mankind brought misery to as many human beings as did Der Fuehrer of Greater Germany.

By that statement I do not desire to put Hitler down as a more cunning or brilliant or diabolically capable man than the dictators before him. The simple facts in the situation, however, are that Hitler was born in an era of mechanical inventions the like of which history has hitherto not known.

Through the radio he could reach more mortals than any world figure before him. With the airplane he could contact personally more groups of people than any campaigner preceding him.

neglect of injuries suffered in the explosion caused internal difficulties that disturbed his equilibrium so that he could not keep his balance or walk straight.

At the British Foreign Office Hitler's death, but not necessarily the place and manner, was accepted as true. But Foreign Office spokesmen declared that in order to remove all possible doubt the Allies would demand that Hitler's body be produced after German surrender.

Moscow, in relaying the report to the Russian people over the official radio, declared flatly "the German radio statement evidently represents a new Fascist trick."

The German radio at Goetz, near Dresden, broke into its regular program last night with an announcement that "important news" would be broadcast today between 10:30 a. m. and noon.

Listeners in London were unable to pick up anything today from Goerlitz or other stations of the South German network.

Doenitz a Surprise. Emergence of Doenitz as the proclaimed leader of what remains of Nazi Germany was puzzling to London observers. He never had been considered high enough in the Nazi hierarchy to be successor to Hitler, who at the start of the war had nominated Hermann Goering and Rudolf Hess as his first and second alternates.

Hess now is a prisoner in England, and Goering recently was said by the German radio to have resigned because of heart trouble.

If Doenitz's nomination by Hitler was bona fide, it was obvious that Himmler no longer was in a position to speak as the leader of all Germany, as he had made himself appear in his peace bid to Britain and America last week.

One theory put forward by a responsible but unofficial quarter here was that Himmler realized his own unpopularity and that Doenitz was considered more likely to succeed with the armed forces.

DISPATCH LAST WEEK PREDICTED STAND-IN WOULD DIE AS HITLER

LAST Thursday the Post-Dispatch printed an Associated Press dispatch from Stockholm which reported that a former grocer resembling Adolf Hitler had been sent to Berlin in Hitler's place "to die on the barricades."

"He will act as Hitler's trump card, creating a hero's legend around the Fuehrer's death while Hitler himself goes underground," said the dispatch, quoting the Free German Press Service.

The agency predicted that "Hitler's devoted photographer, Hoffman," and propaganda staff members would be on hand to film "Hitler's last moment." The former grocer was said to be August Wilhelm Bartholdy of Flauen.

him. By the mechanization of warfare his troops could cover more ground than any army of World War I. Through the development of the science of explosives his mechanized forces could carry death and destruction over wider areas than had been possible to earlier exponents of "Schrecklichkeit."

Hence, when I award the palm for spreading human sorrow to Hitler, I do it to condemn a man who had used the instrument-tactics provided by modern civilization to advance human progress rather than to attempt to throw it back into the Middle Ages, might have emerged as a benefactor of mankind.

Man of Contradictions. I found myself unable during my long stay in Germany to explain to my own satisfaction how the strange phenomenon could acquire the hold on the German people that he did.

When I think of Hitler, I have a picture of the most unharmonious human being that I ever met, of a man full of contradictions, of a man of self. Here are some of them:

A man who could hold audiences spellbound for hours at a time, yet whose diction often was ungrammatical, his voice repulsive, his platitudes exasperatingly repetitious, his meaning frequently obscure.

A devotee of physical culture who took no exercise except occasional hiking, who could neither swim nor box nor run nor play tennis nor compete at football, who never hunted nor rode a mount, who never, as far as I knew, pulled an oar.

A fanatic for a civilization who knew not how to drive a car, never had the curiosity to sit in the cab of a moving railway engine, never piloted an airplane.

A political leader credited with hypnotic powers over those whom he could look firmly into the eyes, yet who squirmed and became visibly uneasy if anybody contemplated him deliberately and unflinchingly.

A playactor and stage performer who seemed indubitably sure of himself and convinced of the infallibility of his decisions, but who was revealed again and again to be made up of inferiority complexes, who faltered and hesitated, and often made decision and action dependent on the last man with whom he chanced to discuss a given question, provided he took a fancy to that man.

A politician who preached realism in government and military strategy but who personally relied on hunches and intuitions and was steeped in superstitions.

A lover of music who—an uncommon thing in Germany—never joined a Maennerchor or Gesangsverein, played no instrument, hummed no tune, cared for almost no other music save that of Richard Wagner.

POSSIBILITY OF NAZI RUSE TO HELP HITLER ESCAPE; 'OFFICIAL END' ANYWAY

By the Associated Press.
WHETHER Adolf Hitler actually died at his command post in Berlin, as the German radio said, the world may not know with assurance for some time—perhaps never.

He may have been dead for days or weeks; he may still be living and this announcement only a ruse to help his escape plans.

However, the Hamburg radio announcement could mean that this is the official end of Adolf Hitler, as far as what authority remains in Germany is concerned.

Whether he is living or dead, it could mean that the Nazi hierarchy has decided that the myth of Hitler dead now suits its purposes better than the myth of Hitler living and leading the last forlorn hope in Berlin.

A legend of Hitler dying in a Goetterdaemmerung finale to the terrible tragedy he precipitated may also fit in with Nazi propaganda plans for the years or generations ahead.

The possibility remains that Adolf Hitler actually may have died as described.

Contests Granite City Election. A suit contesting the election of Charles Moerlein as Mayor of Granite City was filed yesterday in Circuit Court of 1878 to 1879.

Grantham, former Mayor, charged errors in the counting and tabulating of ballots and asked that they be impounded and counted by the Court.

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ALLIES TO DEMAND BODY OF HITLER, BRITAIN ASSERTS

Foreign Office Believes He Is Dead — Moscow Radio Charges Trick So He Can Go in Hiding.

By ALEX SINGLETON
LONDON, May 2 (AP).—A British Foreign Office commentator accepted as a fact today the enemy report that Adolf Hitler is dead, but cast doubt on German accounts that his was a hero's death.

The Foreign Office took the view that it was "extremely unlikely" Hitler's death would have been announced by the Germans if it had not actually occurred, the commentator said.

In response to questions, the Foreign Office said it believed Hitler was dead, it was said the Allies would demand after the surrender of Germany to remove all doubt as to the truth of yesterday's German radio reports.

Trick, Moscow Says. The Moscow radio termed the death report "a fascist trick," saying the Nazis "evidently" were paving the way for Hitler to disappear underground.

Prime Minister Churchill appeared briefly in the House of Commons today, but the German announcement of Hitler's death was not brought up.

In response to questions, the commentator said Hitler might have died several days ago, recalling earlier reports that Heinrich Himmler was said to have given the information that Hitler was dead.

He added that it was well known that Hitler had been seriously ill and that his appearances in public had been growing more infrequent.

In response to questions, he discounted the possibility that the report of the death was a trick designed to facilitate escape in order that the Fuehrer might go into hiding and emerge later as a leader of a new German military movement.

The commentator termed "most complete nonsense" the German story that Hitler died "fighting to the last breath," although he acknowledged the possibility that a Red Army shell may have hastened his death.

There is a "mixture of a mystery" over just what is going on in Germany, he said. Karl Doenitz has assumed the role of leader, he said. That mystery pertains to the status of Himmler.

The commentator added that there had been no confirmation of reports the Germans were evacuating Norway and Denmark.

British Press Reaction. The British press suggested that Doenitz' emergence as the new "strong man" of the Reich had delayed—if not made impossible—any chance of a general German surrender.

"It now seems certain," said the London Star, "that surrender has been made up of inferiority complexes, who faltered and hesitated, and often made decision and action dependent on the last man with whom he chanced to discuss a given question, provided he took a fancy to that man."

The London Evening News maintained that "talk of voluntary surrender of all German forces cannot be carried any further until the world knows who—if anybody—can really speak for what is left of Germany, until the world sees whether Himmler will prevail or whether the self-announced Fuehrer can cling to the tattered reins."

The traditionally conservative Times—normally devoted to its front page to advertising matter—broke with precedent by printing on page one the headline "Hitler dead." Editorially, the Times observed that "few men in the whole of history, and none in modern times, have been the cause of human suffering on so large a scale as Hitler."

"One of World's Most Evil." The Daily Sketch said, "One of the most evil men who ever lived has passed into darkness, and the earth is purer for his departure. . . . His name will be accused for all time wherever men love liberty."

The Daily Telegraph: "The disappearance of the figure which to millions of human beings has been the incarnation of fear and horror makes the world a cleaner, sweeter place."

The News Chronicle: "The man whose evil genius brought fear, violence and sorrow to tens of millions of home has been removed from the scene of his crimes without trial and without ceremony."

The Daily Herald: "It is for democracy to insure that no such movement shall recur. If it does, we shall be ready to meet it."

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In High Nazi Post



LUTZ SCHWERIN-KROSIGK Who the Hamburg radio reports has been named German Foreign Minister succeeding Joachim von Ribbentrop.

the movement may find its man, and he may be cleverer than Hitler."

DOENITZ VIEWED AS SURRENDER CHOICE

PARIS, May 2 (AP).—Belief was expressed here today that the death of Hitler—if it is true—has shorn Germany of the last leadership that could keep it in the fight.

That it was Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz whom the Hamburg radio proclaimed as Hitler's successor, and not Hermann Goering, Joseph Goebbels or Heinrich Himmler, seemed to indicate:

1. Hitler himself realized none of his triumvirate of henchmen could hold toppling Germany from immediate collapse; and

2. Doenitz's emergence is temporary, arranged with the idea that he, better than somebody from the ranks of party "strong men," could deal with the Allies in a surrender of the German army.

The German radio announcement that he had died at his post had the sound of trying to whip up a final fury of fanatical resistance to bridge the time until the Fuehrer's successor could sue for peace.

The possibility was not overlooked by military men that the whole thing might be a sham, concocted to send Hitler to a mythical hero's death and shield his disappearance while clearing the way for German surrender.

It may be that the Fuehrer was hiding at Berchtesgaden when American bombers hit there recently, rather than directing the defenses of Berlin. Or it may be that Hitler has "gone underground."

What the German people has achieved in battle and borne in the homeland during the struggle of this war is unique in history. In the coming time of need and crisis of our people I shall endeavor to establish tolerable conditions of living for our women, men and children so far as this lies in my power.

For all this I need your help. Give me your confidence because your road is mine as well. Main.

Texts of Death Announcement By Nazi Radio, Doenitz' Speech

By the Associated Press.

FOLLOWING is the text of the first broadcast by the North German radio network announcing the death of Adolf Hitler and carrying the address to the nation by Fleet Adm. Karl Doenitz as it was reported by the Federal Communications Commission:

Announcer: The German wireless broadcasts serious important news for the German people. (Three rolls of the drums are heard.)

Announcer: It is reported from the Fuehrer's headquarters that our Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism, fell for Germany this afternoon in his operational headquarters in the Reichschancellery.

Doenitz Introduced. On April 30 the Fuehrer appointed Grand Adm. Doenitz his successor. The Grand Admiral and successor of the Fuehrer now speaks to the German people.

Doenitz: German men and women, soldiers of the armed forces: Our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen. In the deepest sorrow and respect the German people bow.

At an early date he had recognized the frightful danger of Bolshevism and dedicated his existence to this struggle. At the end of his struggle, of his unswerving straight road of life stands his hero's death in the capital of the German Reich. His life has been one single service for Germany.

His activity in the fight against the Bolshevik storm flood conserved not only Europe but the entire civilized world.

The Fuehrer has appointed me to be his successor. Fully conscious of the responsibility I take over the leadership of the German people at this fateful hour.

Struggle Continues. It is my first task to save Germany from destruction by the advancing Bolshevik enemy. For this aim alone the military struggle continues. As far and for so long as achievement of this aim is impeded by the British and the Americans, we shall be forced to carry on our defensive fight against them as well. Under such conditions, however, the Anglo-Americans will continue the war not for their own peoples but solely for the spreading of Bolshevism in Europe.

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Demands Discipline. Against the British and Americans I am bound to continue to fight in as far and as long as they impede me in the continuation of the struggle against the Bolsheviks.

The situation demands of you who have already achieved such great historic deeds and who are now longing for the end of the war to persevere in your unconditional readiness for action.

I demand discipline and obedience. Only by unquestioning compliance with my orders will chaos and downfall be avoided. Whoever evades his duty at this hour is a coward and a traitor, for he brings down death or enslavement upon German women and children.

For every single one of you the oath of loyalty to the Fuehrer is transferred straight to my person as the Fuehrer's appointed successor.

German soldiers! Do your duty! The existence of our people is at stake.

HITLER ASSASSINATED, PARIS RADIO SAYS

Quotes Report He Was Killed in Berlin After Quarrel With Nazi Leaders.

LONDON, May 2 (AP).—The Paris radio broadcast a report today that Hitler actually was assassinated in his Berlin headquarters the night of April 21-22 after a quarrel with other leaders over continuation of the war.

The broadcast quoted the newspaper Paris Presse, which attributed the report to "well informed quarters."

On April 21, the broadcast said, Hitler presided over a war council attended by Field Marshals Albert Kesselring, Ernest von Busch and Ferdinand Schoerner and Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian and Gen. Fritzsche as well as Heinrich Himmler, Hermann Goering and Paul Joseph Goebbels.

The broadcast said "the atmosphere became so tense that when Kesselring, von Busch, Himmler and Goering were invited to return alone the next day they feared that they would share the fate of those who opposed Hitler in July, 1944. During the night, only a few hours before the second meeting was to have taken place, an explosion of terrific violence took place in Hitler's private apartments. He and the entire guards corps there were killed."

Strike Closes Tire, Tube Plant. GADSDEN, Ala., May 2 (AP).—An unauthorized departmental work stoppage, involving 65 employees, has shut down the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. tire and tube plant here, employing

'FUEHRER HAS FALLEN AT HEAD OF HIS TROOPS, BUT REMNANTS FIGHT ON'

LONDON, May 2 (AP).—The German communique dated as usual "from the Fuehrer's headquarters" and broadcast today by the Hamburg radio said "the Fuehrer has fallen at the head of his troops. Remnants of the Berlin garrison fight on."

"At the head of his troops, the heroic defenders of Berlin, the Fuehrer has fallen," the communique said. "Inspired by the will to save his people and Europe from Bolshevism, he has sacrificed his life. This example, faithful to the death, puts every soldier under an obligation."

"The remnants of the heroic defenders of Berlin fight fiercely in the government quarter, split into single fighting groups."

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U. S. WILL OFFER 16 AMENDMENTS TO SECURITY PLAN

Most of Them Technical
— Issue of Regional
Authorities Not Yet
Decided at Parley.

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2 (AP).—The United Nations conference appeared today to be safely past its worst obstacles to success in creating a world security organization, but several major arguments still lie ahead.

The Dumbarton Oaks proposal that veto controls be placed in the hands of the great powers on the security council already is a subject of both attack and defense.

Announcement of 16 United States amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan, which this country, Britain, Russia and China worked out last fall at Washington as a basis for this conference, is due in the next day or so.

Officials describe these as mainly technical but it is expected that they might cover such points as guarantees of justice in enforcement of peace, provision for revising the proposed security organization charter as future needs may indicate, and provision for allowing the security council to recommend treaty changes when deemed necessary to help preserve peace.

One of the big questions is how much regional organizations as the inter-American system worked out recently at Mexico City are to be fitted into the proposed United Nations system.

Both United States and Latin American groups have been seeking a formula which would allow them freedom of action in putting down regional breaches of the peace without weakening the authority of the security council to act to prevent war.

4 Commission Chiefs Named.
Following an extraordinary night session last night, chief delegates of the 46 United Nations member states met today to wind up organization of the week-old conference quickly. The idea is to let the four big commissions and 12 committees buckle down by the week end to their real work of revising and completing the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

Chairmen of the four commissions met today. The countries heading the commissions are Belgium, on principles and purposes; South Africa, on general assembly; Norway, on the security council; and Venezuela, on the world court. The 12 committees will serve under them.

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STASSEN FOR U. S. CONTROL OF ISLANDS

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 2 (AP).—Comdr. Harold E. Stassen said today it is "obvious" the United States must retain control of vital strategic islands in the Pacific after the defeat of Japan.

The former Republican Governor of Minnesota told a reporter that although this country should not seek permanent title to such areas, it would be justified in demanding a "continuing trusteeship" over some of the islands won from Japan with American lives.

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The American formula, backed by the War, Navy, State and Interior Departments, would set up one type of trusteeship for areas

St. Louisans Getting the News on Hitler



News of Hitler's death was greeted joyously by these three persons yesterday afternoon.

WELLES CRITICISES U. S. PARLEY STATESMANSHIP; 'INCREDIBLE INEFFICIENCY'

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).

UMNER WELLES asserted last night the United States delegation at San Francisco "has maneuvered itself into a position where for the moment it is regarded as the chief opponent of the Soviet Union."

Welles, former Under Secretary of State, said in a radio talk on the United Nations conference, that "true statesmanship would have prevented so dangerous a development."

Declaring that there was "almost incredible inefficiency" in preparing for the conference, Welles said the first week of the meeting "has been spent in a series of protracted and acrimonious debates on questions of organization and procedure upon which the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and China should have been wholly in accord before April 25."

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RISE OF DOENITZ MAY INDICATE TOP NAZIS HAVE SPLIT

Admiral Believed to Head
War Group While
Himmler Leads Peace
Faction.

By EDWARD J. DENNEHY

LONDON, May 2 (AP).—Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, ruthless fanatic who has assumed command of the blasted German army's remnants, loomed today as a possible monkey wrench in the reported peace maneuvers of Heinrich Himmler.

Some statesmen looked on Doenitz's assumption of power as evidence of a split among the remaining top-ranking Nazis, but it was admitted that the development was a puzzling one.

It apparently came as a distinct surprise to members of the British cabinet, who were reported to have conferred with Prime Minister Churchill until very late this morning. Speculation centered on the possibility that within what remains of Germany there may have arisen two distinct parties—a war group as represented by Doenitz and a peace group as represented by Himmler.

But the consensus was that nothing Doenitz could do would materially affect the course of the war, and in some quarters the belief was expressed that Doenitz's rise to leadership might even indirectly hasten the peace.

If Hitler actually is dead, then Doenitz probably is the leader of the die-hard Nazis who have nothing to lose by continuing the hopeless battle. It was Doenitz who, when things looked black for Germany, preached the doctrine that "no situation is ever hopeless."

There was some feeling here that he might now attempt a last-ditch U-boat blitz against the British Isles with whatever strength he could muster from dying Germany.

Speculative Points.
From the welter of interpretations, these points stand out:

1. The Nazis have centered religious devotion on Hitler. Whether Doenitz could command the same following is doubtful. He was virtually unknown in the days when Hitler announced to the world the order of succession in event of his own death.

2. Doenitz is murderous enough to satisfy the most homicidal of Hitler's followers. The 53-year-old Admiral, although never an ardent Nazi in the days of Hitler's rise, stood by the Fuehrer steadfastly, and it was Doenitz who told his "wolf-pack" U-boat crews that their duty to the fatherland was to "kill, kill, kill!"

3. Many S. S. men and other Nazi leaders are no more than common thugs and have been party members for what they could get out of it. They might continue to fight under Doenitz because they have nothing to gain by giving up and may hope to save their own hides just a little longer.

4. A military man—one of the stamp of Hermann Goering—might have carried more prestige with the Nazis than Doenitz, since Germany is primarily a military power. Doenitz's assumption of power gives rise to the theory that U-boats may play a role in the guerrilla warfare plans of hideout Nazis.

A British Press Association correspondent declared, however, that the Nazis were disintegrating fast and that their piecemeal surrender, which even Doenitz could not stem, might bring peace in a matter of days.

His Record in First War.
Born Sept. 16, 1891, at Berlin, son of an engineer, Doenitz entered the Imperial German Navy on April 1, 1910, as a cadet. On Sept. 20, 1913, he was named a lieutenant and served aboard the cruiser Breslau where he was wounded in 1914, when the First World War broke out.

In 1916 he was attached to the submarine school and then commanded a submarine, U-boat 25, that waged successful warfare against Allied merchantmen in the Mediterranean and Atlantic. In the Mediterranean he led his submarine into an Allied port through mine fields and with one torpedo sank "a valuable navy repair ship." For this he received the Hohenzollern Order. Later he was decorated with the Iron Cross.

In 1917 his U-boat was forced to the surface near Malta by a British destroyer and he was captured.

After the World War he was employed first as commander of a destroyer flotilla for several years and also served as navigation officer aboard the cruiser Nympha.

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Swiss Close Italy Frontier
BERN, May 2 (AP).—All Swiss frontier exits to Italy have been closed until further notice, the Government announced today, thus suspending the return of fugitives who fled from northern Italy before the advancing Allied armies.

MUSSOLINI BURIED IN UNMARKED GRAVE IN 'POTTER'S FIELD'

Autopsy Shows He Did Not
Have Ulcers, Cancer or
Other Ailments.

By SID FEDER

MILAN, May 2 (AP).—Benito Mussolini has been buried in a "potter's field" after an autopsy which showed he was not suffering from ulcers, cancer or any of the other ailments he was reported to have had in recent years. The former dictator was executed by Italian partisans after he was captured Saturday near Lake Como.

The autopsy also showed that only two-thirds of Mussolini's brain remained after the beating the body took from civilians who came to revile and club the remains. These beatings occurred while the body was hanging by the heels with the bodies of Clara Petacci, his mistress, and several Fascist associates.

Mussolini was interred with Alessandro Pavolini, Secretary of State in the puppet Fascist regime, in simple wooden coffins in a ceremony kept strictly secret.

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15 WAR PRISONERS BACK IN ST. LOUIS; STARVED BY NAZIS

On Verge of Collapse
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Soup or Nothing.

Fifteen St. Louis area soldiers, captured in the "Battle of the Bulge" in Belgium last December and starved as war prisoners in vermin-ridden internment camps for three and one-half months, were back home today.

They were liberated from prison camp 9A at Ziegenhain in south central Germany and 9B at Bad Orb in southwestern Germany a month ago by American Third Army troops and were on the verge of physical collapse from lack of food when freed.

They were among 83 enlisted men from Missouri and Iowa, prisoners in the two camps, who arrived yesterday at Jefferson Barracks for processing before going to their homes on 60-day furloughs.

The St. Louis area men were:

Sgt. James C. Pool, 3635 Botanical avenue.

Sgt. Vernon C. Kunz, 7827 Water street.

Sgt. Eugene Kelch, 8522 Minnesota avenue.

Sgt. Elmer Brown, 700 Marshall street, Valley Park.

Sgt. Wayne Wagner, 5356 Colton drive, Normandy.

Sgt. William Dowling, 3136 New Ashland place.

Cpl. George E. Hibbard, 6903 Kingsbury boulevard, University City.

Pfc. Harry Noble, 7365 Northmoor avenue, University City.

Pfc. Frank A. Miller, 679 Elmwood avenue, Webster Groves.

Pfc. Charles Stevens, 2730 Ann avenue.

Pfc. Horace Priester, 908 Christian avenue.

Pvt. Alphonse W. Schill, 2200 Montgomery street.

Pvt. Raymond J. Canda, 5007 Sutherland avenue.

Pvt. Melford G. Masters, 711 Mary avenue.

Pvt. Wesley L. Owens, 1520 North Spring avenue.

Want to Guard Captive Nazis.

All of them were bitter in their condemnation of their German captors because of the harsh treatment they received.

"When we go back to duty, we want to guard the German prisoners in this country," one man said grimly.

Four men served as spokesmen for the group, Sgt. Dowling, Pfc. Stevens, Pvt. Canda and Pvt. Owens, and they told of their experiences together. "We all went through the same thing," they said.

"We were in the front lines near the Belgian-German border when the Germans launched their winter counteroffensive," they said.

"Our positions were quickly overrun. We had been without food for four days because we had been cut off."

Marching Four Days, No Food.

"When the Germans took us prisoners, they stripped us of our shoes, wrist watches, rings, everything they wanted, and then marched us four days through the snow barefooted to a railroad. Some of us had two-thirds of a loaf of bread on that march, some had nothing. All had frost-bitten feet."

"We were loaded into small box-cars, 50 to 60 men in a car; we were jammed so tightly we couldn't move. It was bitter cold. They kept us locked in from four to eight days, depending on which train we were on. Many of the cars stood in the railroad yards at Diez for four days and one day R. A. F. planes bombed the yards."

The first group arrived at Bad Orb Dec. 28, and the rest came in within a week. After a month, 1200 noncommissioned officers were transferred to Ziegenhain; 2300 first-class privates and privates remained at Bad Orb.

"Conditions in both camps were about the same. We had three varieties of insects—lice, fleas and bed bugs. Most of the men had excruciating ticks, which were lousy."

Nazis Kept Red Cross Packages.

"We got Red Cross packages three times," Pvt. Canda said.

"The first time there was one box to three men; the second, 11 to a box; the third, 20 to a box. We had to dump the food out of cans on the floor so the guards could see nothing was being smuggled in. We discovered after our liberation the Heinekes kept most of the Red Cross boxes. They were eating the food themselves. We found the empty cans and boxes in their barracks. There was no such thing as cigarettes at Bad Orb."

"And don't think the German people are starving," Sgt. Dowling added. "I saw plenty of them in Ziegenhain after we were freed and they looked plenty well fed."

"We were liberated on Good Friday, March 30," he continued.

"Most of the Germans left the day before; only a handful of guards remained, but who wanted to escape? We just stayed until the Americans came in and were glad to see them! We stayed in the camp until our evacuation a week later."

Tank Smashed Into Town.

"The liberation of Bad Orb was more dramatic," Pvt. Canda said. "We heard fighting on the outskirts of town the afternoon of Easter Sunday, April 1. That night the Germans pulled out and left us alone, but we knew the Americans were close, so we stayed in our barracks."

"The next morning a Sherman tank smashed right through the barbed-wire gate. The troops who rescued us gave us their rations, they were so sorry for us. We remained a week before our evacuation."

Two of the men, Sgt. Pool and

Former Prisoners of War Back in U. S.



Thirteen of the 15 St. Louis area soldiers and one from Ste. Genevieve, Mo., at Jefferson Barracks after being returned from German prison camps. Standing, from left, are SGT. WAYNE WAGNER, SGT. WILLIAM DOWLING, PVT. RAYMOND J. CANDA, PFC. CHARLES STEVENS, PVT. ALPHONSE SCHILL, CPL. GEORGE E. HIBBARD, PVT. MELFORD G. MASTERS and PFC. ROBERT A. JENKINS of Ste. Genevieve. Center are SGT. JAMES C. POOL, left, and SGT. VERNON C. KUNZ. Front row, from left, are SGT. EUGENE KELCH, PFC. HARRY NOBLE, SGT. ELMER BROWN and PFC. FRANK A. MILLER.

and a few had bunks; the rest slept on the floor.

Nauseated From Soup.

"The day we got into Bad Orb we had a taste of what was to come, but it was a very small taste—a ladle of some horrible stuff that was supposed to be soup; it was made of dandelion greens, grass and carrot tops. Many of the men, hungry after that march and train ride, tried to eat the junk but became nauseated. We learned later to eat it and like it; it was that or starve."

"We were crammed into small wooden barracks, 100 by 16 feet; 300 men to a building which was probably built to hold 50. They were unheated and we huddled together on the floor to keep warm."

Sgt. Dowling said: "After we were moved to Ziegenhain we burned the bunk slats to keep warm, even though the penalty was solitary confinement for a month, and when the slats were gone we started burning the bunks."

Pvt. Canda said: "At Bad Orb the Germans finally gave us some wood, but very little. The solitary confinement in our camp was for trying to take seconds in the chow line."

Shaved With "Coffee."

Food at both camps was about the same, the men said. Breakfast consisted of an undrinkable ersatz coffee which they used for shaving because it was warm, lunch was the grass soup, and supper was a loaf of moldy, black bread for six to 10 men and ersatz tea—the coffee under a different name. It was used for washing.

There was no such thing as "sanitary conditions" at either camp, they said. The men at Bad Orb worked only on camp details; at Ziegenhain the Germans twice attempted to force the noncommissioned officers to work on a railroad.

"We were marched at bayonet point to Trese and made to fill bomb craters in the right-of-way, but we worked very slowly and then only to throw soft top soil into the holes so the first train to pass would sink through," Sgt. Dowling said. "After the second time, the Germans gave up trying to force us to work."

Dysentery became the common ailment in both camps; the prisoners had no clean clothes and were unable to bathe. They had no eating utensils; they carved spoons out of wood. "Not that we needed much," Pfc. Stevens said. Average loss of weight per man was 40 pounds.

After several weeks, the Jewish soldiers at Bad Orb were segregated and moved elsewhere; "we never knew where they took them," Pvt. Noble said. The Germans attempted the same thing at Ziegenhain but were unsuccessful.

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RED LIPSTICK TRAP LEADS TO ARREST IN FIRE ALARM CASE

Police Catch Man With
Smears on Hand After False
Call Is Turned In.

Red lipstick used by police in setting a trap for a man turning in false fire alarms yesterday led to the arrest of Russell Robert Richter, 36 years old, 3152 California avenue.

After a number of false alarms were turned in from a section near the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, police smeared lipstick on the thumb and forefinger of his right hand. Richter said he had approach the box at Pestalozzi street and Missouri avenue, look up and down the street, pull the lever and run.

The patrolman gave chase, and half a block away encountered Richter, who was arrested when telltale red smears were found on the thumb and forefinger of his right hand. Richter said he had dunk several bottles of beer and did not remember what had happened.

PERISHES IN HOUSEBOAT FIRE

Roy Miller, a laborer, was burned to death last night when fire destroyed a houseboat in which he lived alone about a half mile south of Alton.

A son and brother, who live nearby, joined with others in attempting to put out the fire before apparatus was summoned from Alton. Miller's burned body was found near a bed. The cause of the fire was undetermined. Miller was 49 years old.

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11 DEAD, 3 MISSING, 27 WOUNDED IN WAR

Three Others Are Reported Injured—Private Is Captured.

Eight men from the St. Louis area today were reported killed in action, two previously reported missing were listed as dead, and one died in service. Three others were listed as missing, one was a prisoner of war, 27 were wounded, and three were injured.

DEAD

Marine Cpl. Judson Bemis Conant, 20, was killed in action in the Pacific on April 15, the Navy Department has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dozier Conant, 25 Briarcliff, Ladue. His father, a former Lieutenant Colonel in charge of the readjustment training branch of the Midcentral Procurement District, Air Technical Service Command in Chicago, was placed on inactive military status last fall and has returned to his civilian position as vice president of the Sligo Iron Store Co.

Marine Staff Sgt. Louis R. Granaman, 23 years old, was killed in action March 19 in the Pacific area. His wife, Mrs. Juanita Granaman, lives at 5516 Sutherland avenue, and his mother, Mrs. Dessie Johnson, at 1811A Ohio avenue. A brother, Staff Sgt. Arthur Granaman, was killed in action in France in July.

Staff Sgt. Eugene M. Rider, 27, infantryman, was killed in action on Okinawa April 10. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rider, 2533 Franor avenue, Alton.

Sgt. Charles A. Singleton, 24, infantryman, was killed in action April 13 in Germany, his mother, Mrs. Amelia Singleton, 6705A Cote Brillante avenue, has been notified.

Sgt. Carroll Williams, infantryman, was killed in action on Luzon April 4. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams, 831 North Thirty-fifth street, East St. Louis.

Cpl. Noble D. Smith, 25, medical corpsman, was killed in action Feb. 28 in Germany. His sister, Mrs. Violet Bartlett, lives at 4330 Greer avenue, and his wife, Mrs. Ileen Smith, in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Motor Machinist's Mate 3-C Arlo F. Schellhardt, 31, has been killed in action in the South Pacific, his sister, Miss Pauline Schellhardt, 3435 Arsenal street, has learned. His mother lives in Waterloo, Ill., and his wife in Union, Mo.

Pvt. Pershing F. Schenk, 26, mechanized cavalryman, was killed in action in Italy April 17, his mother, Mrs. Rose Schenk, 6704 Idaho avenue, has been informed.

Pfc. Henry Daniels Jr., 36, member of a tank division, who was reported missing in action in Germany March 16, is now listed as killed in action, his mother, Mrs. Amelia Daniels, 236 Church street, East Alton, has been informed.

First Lt. Donald L. Standard, 22, pilot of a Marauder bomber based in England, reported missing in action over France since April 12, 1944, is now listed as dead, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren J. Standard, 8422 Midland avenue, Vinita Park, have been informed.

Pfc. Veri G. Bartell, 38, infantryman, died in service 3 in a hospital in England. His brother, Ed G. Bartell, lives at 8518 Elmore avenue, University City.

MISSING

Sgt. Robert E. Moran, 35, infantryman, has been reported missing in action since April 11 in Germany. His mother, Mrs. Margaret Moran, lives at 7602 Augusta avenue, Normandy.

Seaman 2-C Wilmer L. Mott, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mott, Pleasant Ridge road, Collinsville, has been reported missing in action in the Pacific area.

Michael Gresko, 25, serving with the Merchant Marine, has been reported missing in action in the Atlantic area since Mar. 28, the Navy Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gresko, 2838 Magnolia avenue.

PRISONER

Pfc. Walter H. Cunningham, 24, infantryman, who has been reported missing in action in France, is now listed as a prisoner of war. His wife, Mrs. Belvia S. Cunningham, lives at 3977A Delmar boulevard, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham, in Cincinnati, O.

WOUNDED

Col. Lawrence A. White, 32, commander of an infantry regiment which took part in the liberation of Manila last February, was wounded in action April 17 at Baguio, his wife, Mrs. Susan White, 15 Beverly place, has been informed. He has been decorated with the Legion of Merit with an Oak Leaf Cluster for services in the Solomon Islands campaign.

Maj. Nathaniel Ewing, paratrooper officer, was slightly wounded in action in the invasion of Leyte and has received the Purple Heart, a dispatch from Luzon related. He is the son of N. W. Ewing, 46 Kingsbury place.

Lt. Edward J. Riley Jr., 28, infantry officer, was wounded in action March 16 on Luzon. His parents live at 6320 Lenox avenue, Wellston.

Lt. C. C. Wurmsstedt, 22, infantryman, was wounded in action March 24 in Germany and has received the Purple Heart. His wife, Mrs. June B. Wurmsstedt, lives at

Among War Casualties From St. Louis and Vicinity



RIDER Dead SCHELLHARDT Dead SCHENK Dead DANIELS Dead CUNNINGHAM Prisoner WHITE Wounded EWING Wounded RILEY Wounded WURMSSTEDT Wounded FLANNERY Wounded SOMMER Wounded HENRY Wounded ROCKENSTEIN Wounded HORN Wounded FRY Wounded BENDER Wounded MCKINNEY Wounded WANNER Wounded WEITER Wounded LARSON Injured

7412 Gannon avenue, University City, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Wurmsstedt, live in Chicago. Staff Sgt. Arthur A. Poucher, was wounded in action in the European area, the War Department has announced. He is the husband of Mrs. Mary S. Poucher, 620 Lami street.

Marine Sgt. Kenneth C. Stark, 22, was wounded in action on Iwo, moved in action on Iwo. He is the son of Mrs. Margaret Stark, 2512A West Hebert street. Sgt. Morris Mitchell, 31, infantryman, was wounded in action on the Philippines March 2. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mitchell, 1440 Goodfellow avenue.

Sgt. William F. Terns, 37, infantryman, was wounded in Germany on April 11. He is the husband of Mrs. Estelle M. Terns, 6016 Michigan avenue.

Sgt. Joseph C. Weaver, 26, moved in action on Iwo, was wounded in action April 11 in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Weaver, live at 5039 Adkins avenue.

Sgt. Woodrow Wilson, 31, combat engineer, was wounded in action in Germany. He is the husband of Mrs. Catherine Wilson, 5053 Kensington avenue, and the son of Mrs. Grace Wilson, 8635 Litzinger road, Brentwood.

Coxswain Fred P. Bast, stationed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific area, was wounded in action May 11, the Navy Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bast, of Hillsboro road, Edwardsville.

Seaman 1-C Arthur Lee Flannery, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Flannery, 42 South Buchanan street, Edwardsville, has been wounded in action in the Pacific area. His wife, Mrs. Clarice Flannery, and son live on Seminole street, Edwardsville.

Cpl. Charles H. Shive, 19, infantryman, was wounded in action in Germany April 12. He is the son of Mr. Charles Shive, 309 Church street, Alton.

Cpl. Lawrence M. Brasler, 20, infantryman, was slightly wounded in action on Okinawa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Basler, 7705 Trenton avenue, University City.

Rudolph T. Sommer Jr., 28, member of the Military Police, was wounded in action April 16

in Germany, his parents, 1805 Virginia lane, Kirkwood, have been notified. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Cpl. Fred Toensjost, was wounded in action in the European area, the War Department has announced. He is the son of Fred Toensjost, 1842, South Eleventh street.

Marine Pfc. Cletus Henry, 20, paratrooper, was wounded in action Feb. 21 and has been returned to the United States for hospitalization. He is the son of Mrs. Emma Henry, 514 Jefferson road, Edwardsville.

Pfc. Orville L. Chott, 24, infantryman, was wounded in action in Germany April 4, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Chott, 5522 Columbia avenue, have been notified.

Pfc. Elmer J. Kreisler Jr., 21, infantryman, was wounded in action in Italy and has received the Purple Heart. His wife, Mrs. Betty Kreisler, and his parents, live at 2124 Illinois avenue, East St. Louis.

Pfc. Floyd Matthews was wounded in action in the European area, the War Department has announced. He is the brother of Miss Louise Matthews, 4157 Finney avenue.

Pfc. John W. Rockenstein, 24, member of the Second Armored Division, was wounded in action April 13 in Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Rockenstein, 1721 Beulah place, Richmond Heights, have been informed.

Pfc. Joseph A. Spellazza, 26, infantryman, was wounded in action April 7 on Okinawa. His wife, Mrs. Thelma Spellazza, lives at 7040 Dawson place, West Walnut Manor, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spellazza, at 2633 January avenue.

Pfc. Charles R. York, 27, airborne infantryman, was wounded in action a second time April 9 in Germany, his wife, Mrs. Agnes M. York, 7816 Murdoch avenue, Webster Groves, has been informed. He was previously wounded in action in Italy.

Marine Pvt. Donald F. Horn, 19, has been wounded in action on Okinawa, the Navy Department has reported. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Horn, 4023 McRee avenue.

Pvt. Lloyd D. Fry, 20, paratrooper, was wounded in action April 9 in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fry, live at 4300 Blair avenue.

Pvt. John Matt, 24, artilleryman, was wounded in action March 29 on Luzon. His mother, Mrs. Louise Matt, lives at 1218 North Fifty-second street, East St. Louis.

Pvt. David Trot, 19, infantryman, was injured in action March 8 in Germany, his sister, Mrs. Ivan C. Ulmet, Route 1, Edwardsville, has been informed.

Sgt. Matt Brozovich Jr., 25, infantryman, was injured in action April 9 in Germany. His wife, Mrs. Audrey Brozovich, lives at 2827 Missouri avenue, and his parents at 5917 Schulte avenue.

Sgt. Joseph G. Swartz, 23, infantryman, was wounded in action March 28 on Luzon. His mother, Mrs. Della Swartz, lives at 5610 Delmar boulevard.

Pfc. Alton W. Larson Jr., 20, infantryman, was injured in action March 28 on Luzon. His wife, Mrs. Della Larson, lives at 5610 Delmar boulevard.

Pfc. Glenn F. Bender, a medical administrative corps officer, wounded in action in Germany. He is the husband of Mrs. Antoinette Bender, 955A Dover place. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bender, live at 4965A Holly Hills boulevard.

Boatswain's Mate 1-C G. F. McKinney, wounded in action on Okinawa April 1. His sister, Mrs. Ray E. Johnson, lives at 2087 Alfred avenue.

Cpl. William A. Wanner, infantryman, wounded in action in Germany. His wife, Mrs. Bonnie M. Wanner, lives at 6333 Fyler avenue.

Pfc. John E. Weiter, infantryman, wounded in action in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Weiter, live at 4815 Hanover avenue.

13 FROM THIS AREA HELD BY NAZIS FREED

Thirteen soldiers from the St. Louis area today were reported to have been liberated from German prison camps.

Two men from the St. Louis area were reported to have escaped from German prison camps and then to have been picked up by advancing Allied forces. Lt. Richard C. Stickney, communications officer, son of the late W. Arthur Stickney, St. Louis broker, has been returned to America and is on his way to St. Louis. His wife, Mrs. Lorraine Stickney, is living with his uncle, A. Taylor Stickney, at 4944 Lindell boulevard.

The other soldier who escaped a German prison camp is Sgt. William H. Chapman, bombardier on a heavy bomber who was shot down over Italy Nov. 22. He escaped from Stalag Luft No. 4 in Germany and was picked up by a British tank column early in April. He was flown to England where he is being treated for malnutrition.

Sgt. Chapman's brother, Lt. Carl Chapman, pilot of a bomber, was shot down over Germany last June and had been a prisoner until the camp where he was held was overrun by American forces last month. Mrs. Fred Osthoff, sister of the Chapmans, lives at St. Charles. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Chapman of Steelville, Mo.

Flight Officer Kimball W. Cross, navigator of a Liberator bomber flying out of England, was freed

only nine days after he had been shot down over Germany last month, he has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cross, 5157 Lexington avenue. Cross was wounded when his plane was shot down and now is recovering in a hospital in France. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal.

Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Russell, an armored infantry soldier, was liberated Easter Sunday after having been a prisoner since last Dec. 22, when he was wounded and captured in Belgium. Sgt. Russell has written his sister, Mrs. Vearl W. Harris, 4918A Winona avenue, that when the Americans came toward the prison where he was held the German soldiers "started running." His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Russell, live at East Prairie, Mo.

Shot down over Austria last Aug. 24, Staff Sgt. Harry R. Sparling Jr., gunner on a heavy bomber, has not been heard from since then, but has been liberated from a German prison camp. His parents live at 6321 Fyler avenue.

When our forces moved into a prison camp at Frankfurt-on-the-Main the week of April 1 they found Pvt. Loyd E. Ozier, an infantryman who had been captured in Luxembourg Dec. 20. His wife, Mrs. Bega Ozier, lives at 3A Logan place, Edwardsville.

Cpl. Edward A. Lewis, member of a tank destroyer unit captured in Belgium Dec. 17, has been liberated, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Lewis, 5904 Elmbank avenue, have learned. Staff Sgt. William A. Wurth, an infantryman missing since Jan. 21, also was reported freed. His wife, Mrs. Dolores Wurth, lives at 4111 North Taylor avenue, and his mother, Mrs. Helen Schlosser, at 6066 Harney avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Walsh, 630 Fairview avenue, Webster Groves,

have received a cable from their son, Pfc. James K. Walsh, reported captured Jan. 6, that he now has been freed and is in good health. Others reported liberated today are Pfc. Kenneth Hewitt, armored forces soldier, son of Mrs. Bertha Hewitt, 1202 East Seventh street, Alton, and Cpl. William K. Camp, also in the armored forces, son of Mrs. Zona Camp, 10558 Litz avenue, Overland.

Pfc. John A. Hoef, an infantryman, captured in Germany Dec. 16, also has been liberated by American forces, his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Hoef, 3815 Ohio avenue, learned today.

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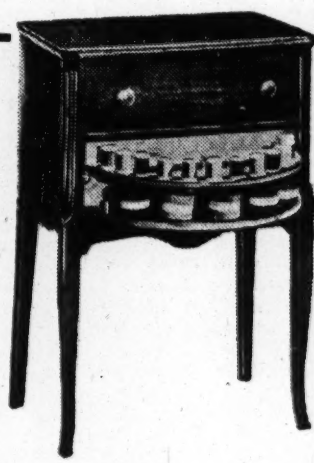
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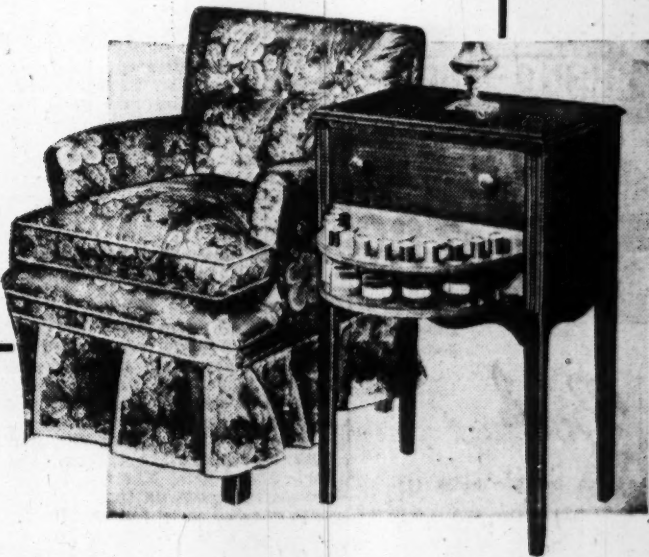


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HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR NONPARTISAN EDUCATION BOARD

**Recommends Passage of
Columbo Bill for St.
Louis, With One
Amendment.**

By a Staff Correspondent of the
Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, May 2. —
Legislation placing selection of St.
Louis school board members on a
nonpartisan basis, similar to the
nonpartisan court plan, was recom-
mended for passage today by the
House Education Committee by a
vote of 6 to 0.

The measure, sponsored by Fred
Ray Columbo, St. Louis, provides
that future school board vacancies
shall be filled by the Mayor by
appointment of one of three
persons submitted to him by an
educational commission. The edu-
cational commission would be
composed of the chancellor of
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dent of St. Louis University and a

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lay member selected by the Mayor.
The committee, in recommend-
ing passage of the bill, adopted
an amendment providing that
board members appointed by the
Mayor would be placed on the
ballot at the next general election
following the appointment. No
person would be a candidate
against the member and the
people would vote on the question
of whether the appointed member
should be retained. If a majority
of the vote was against retention,
a vacancy would exist which
would be filled by action of the
educational commission and the
Mayor.

Columbo, in urging passage of
the measure, said the people of St.
Louis were clamoring for a change
in the method of selection of
board members. He also pointed
out that the record of the board
for the last 20 years has been one
of political patronage and behind-
the-scenes maneuvering.

The bill would prohibit partici-
pation of board members in polit-
ical campaigns through a pro-
vision making it illegal for board
members to make any political
contribution or to hold any office
in a political party or campaign.

HOUSE COMMITTEE OFFERS PROGRAM FOR MORE FOOD

**Criticizes U. S. Agencies,
Calls for Co-ordination
and Price Incentives
for Producers.**

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—
A House investigating committee,
sharply criticizing many phases of
the Government's food program,
today recommended a co-ordi-
nated policy from grower to con-
sumer to break up black markets
and ease shortages.

The committee, set up by the
House six weeks ago, concluded
its initial report with these recom-
mendations:

1. That food production be given
top priority of the War Produc-
tion Board, including adequate
manpower and machinery for
farms.
2. That President Truman be
urged to "immediately consider
the program of needed co-ordina-
tion of the entire food program."

(Republican members added a de-
mand for a single food authority
instead of the several Government
agencies now concerned with food.)

3. That pricing be revised to as-
sure profit margins to growers,
producers and distributors, with
special incentives to cattle feeders.
4. That the support price of
hogs be boosted from \$13 to \$13.50
a hundred pounds, Chicago basis.
5. Special inducement programs
to ward off a developing threat
of black markets in eggs and
sugar.

The committee presented its re-
port in person to President Tru-
man in addition to reporting to
Congress. The group spent half
an hour with the President, Chair-
man Anderson (Dem., New Mex-
ico), said the committee told Tru-
man that "first priority has to be
given food production."

"We told him that we feel that
the battle against inflation will
never be won as long as meat
prices move outside lawful limits,
as they have in New York," An-
derson said. He added that the
President "certainly knew what
the score was on food," but de-
clined to state his reaction.

"Must Be Action Now."

"There must be action now,"
the report said. "The price line
is weakening. It must be held.
Time is working on the side of
scarcity, and, if time is wasted
and co-ordination (of the food pro-
gram) is not achieved, black mar-
kets will have cracked price con-
trol irreparably."

The committee made no direct
denouncement of OPA, praised by
President Truman yesterday, or of
other Government agencies han-
dling food. But, in carefully
chosen words, it criticized many
phases of the food program and
put the blame on its operations
directly for the spread of black
marketers in meat.

It attacked particularly the 10-
point revision of food policies an-
nounced two weeks ago by OPA,
the War Food Administration and
the Office of Economic Stabiliza-
tion.

"The program will not restore
confidence among producers," the
committee said, "and under it
legitimate processors and dis-
tributors are still required to lose
substantial sums in order to com-
ply with ceiling prices."

Policy on Meat Criticized.
The report said the meat situa-
tion was caused when OPA and
other agencies tried to control
meat prices by starting pricing
programs at the retail level and
trying to work backward.

"All phases of distribution
(thus) became dislocated," it said.
"It should be distinctly under-
stood, the committee went on,
that the comments and recom-
mendations contained in this re-
port should not be interpreted as
a criticism of the principle of ra-
tioning and price control."

"This committee fully realizes
the dangers of inflation and is
ready to join in the effort to pre-
vent it. We are equally concerned
with the need of settling up the
machinery necessary to assure
every American, the high and the
low, the rich and the poor, an
equal share of the supply of food."

"Meat Supply Inadequate."
The committee said that "the
meat supply of the nation is
wholly inadequate to serve exist-
ing demands." It blamed inade-
quate pricing, the fact that cattle
are not being held to maturity on
ranges and faulty distribution.

It recommended a subsidy to
producers as a means of increas-
ing the flow of heavy prime beef
to market without pushing up the
retail counter prices.

Turning to black market opera-
tions, the report said illegal price
operations in meat appear to be
increasing.

"Many legitimate dealers, both
in processing, wholesaling and re-
tailing, are being forced out of
business because they are trying
to hold the line and comply with
Government regulations," the re-
port said.

Eggs, Sugar Poultry.
Other recommendations dealt
with demands for increased pro-
duction of poultry, eggs and sugar
to ward off approaching short-
ages which the committee said
will reach their peak by late sum-
mer.

The committee regarded the
situation in eggs and sugar as so
serious that it announced separate
investigations for those items,
both to be started soon. It recom-
mended special inducements to

poultry and sugar producers to
increase their output.
The report did not say whether
the inducements should be in the
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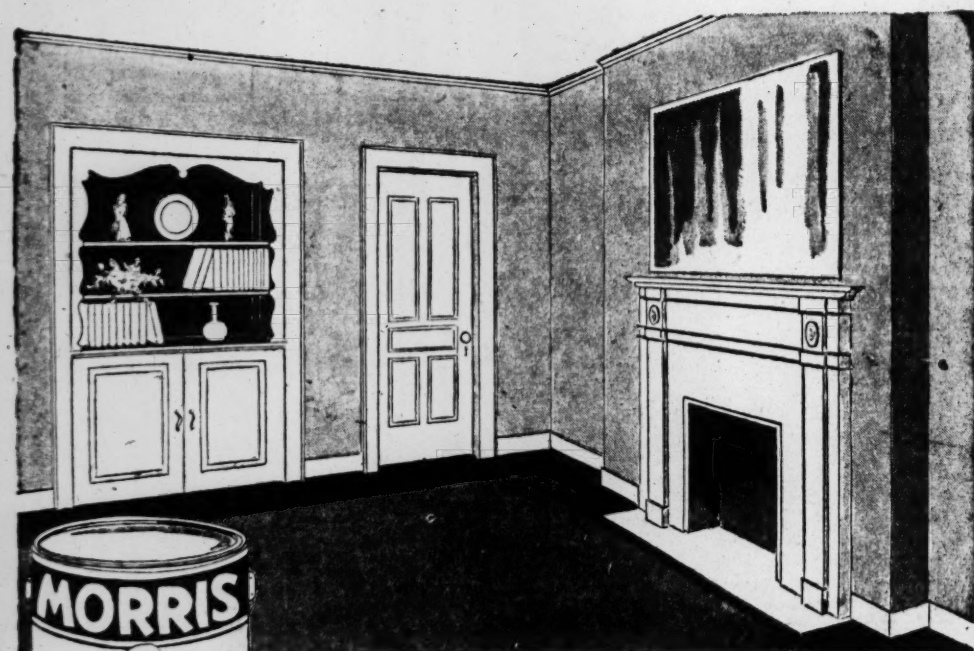
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BRITISH CAPTURE LUEBECK, CUT OFF DENMARK

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spearheads of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, is not in the zone surrendered.

Hitler Birthplace Taken.

Patton's troops crossed the Inn River over an intact bridge and captured the Austrian town of Braunau, the birthplace of Adolf Hitler.

The Allied armies in Austria and Southern Bavaria were finding the Alpine terrain more of an impediment than the enemy.

The Seventh Army encountered huge craters in some defiles. Advance accordingly was slowed generally although spearheads gained 30 miles to reach the Inn River at a point 35 miles southeast of Munich and about 45 miles northwest of Berchtesgaden.

The Seventh Army at last reports was barely 10 miles from Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian Tyrol and 12 miles from the northern entrance to the Brenner Pass. The 106th Cavalry Group of the Seventh Army reached the Ebersberger forest east of Munich and the Fourth Infantry Division took Manhartshofen, east of Isar River. In the Tyrol, the Forty-fourth Infantry Division pushed south into Haselger and encountered mortar, artillery and bazooka fire in the Fern pass southwest of Lermoos.

Gen. Patton's Third Army approaching Linz talked to tank radio with the Russians in the Anstettin area. Russian tank radios usually have a range of about 25 miles.

The Third Army drove into Czechoslovakia and Austria at new places in the Alpine border fortress of Passau from three sides. That Danube City of 25,000 population was nearly ringed by Third Army troops.

Bordeaux Pocket Surrenders.

Far back of the front, the French captured the Ile d'Orléans, at the mouth of the Gironde estuary leading to the great Atlantic port of Bordeaux. A large number of captives were taken. The German commander surrendered last night.

Canadians fought north of Leer to within four miles of the submarine base of Emden. Other Canadian troops closed to within two miles of Oldenburg, road center northwest of Bremen.

The Polish First Armored Division of the Canadian Army reached Hesel, on the approaches to Emden, and then swung five miles east to Remels, 21 miles southwest of Wilhelmshaven. German resistance was light.

The American Ninth and First Armies strung out along the Elbe River joined Russian troops in what front dispatches indicated was a very liquid celebration of May Day. Red Army troops, as hosts for the day, dispensed food and drink with a lavish hand. "It was just another Russian victory," said one Associated Press Correspondent.

MILK PRICE CASE DISMISSED

A suit by 26 St. Louis area dairy companies contesting the legality of War Food Administration regulations which, it was asserted, increased the price the dairies had to pay milk producers without allowing them to pass the increase on to consumers, was dismissed yesterday by United States District Judge Richard M. Duncan.

Judge Duncan held that the companies had failed to exhaust the possibilities of redress under administrative procedure before taking the case to court and therefore the action was "prematurely brought." He did not rule on the legality of the WFA regulations.

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LAVAL FLEES TO SPAIN, REFUSES TO LEAVE

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MADRID, May 2 (AP).—Pierre Laval, Marcel Deat, and the Vichy education minister Abel Bonnard arrived at Barcelona by plane today and refused to comply with a personal order from Generalissimo Francisco Franco to leave Spain immediately.

They will be interned at nearby Montjuich fortress pending the Spanish Government's decision. Franco acted after representations from the United States Embassy. He instructed Spanish aviation authorities at the Prat de Llobregat airport at Barcelona, to allow the Frenchmen just enough gasoline to take their plane, a Junkers 88, to the nearest frontier.

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Laval, former chief of government in Marshal Henri Philippe Petain's Vichy Government, previously had attempted unsuccessfully to enter Liechtenstein and Switzerland. The Allies recently captured the Vichy administration's last seat of government at Sigmaringen, on the Danube in southern Germany.

With the three former French officials was an unidentified woman believed to be Laval's wife. She was authorized to remain in Spain "on humanitarian grounds."

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CITY EXEMPTION FROM GASOLINE TAX OPPOSED

Senate Group Expected to Report Adversely on Measure — Codification Plans Approved.

By CURTIS A. BETTS
State Political Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, May 2.—Fear that exemption of cities, counties and other governmental subdivisions from the payment of the State gasoline tax would result in widespread law violations and a raid on the State highway fund is expected to cause the Senate Judiciary Committee to report against passage of an exemption bill.

The relief of the governmental units from paying the tax would cost the State highway fund nearly \$150,000 a year, according to estimates made to the committee at a hearing on the bill, even if it should be possible to hold the exemptions within legitimate lines.

Some Senators doubted that could be done, expressing the opinion that, politics being what it is, many public employees and their political friends would find through it a way to evade payment of the tax.

Representatives of many municipalities, counties and road districts urged passage of the bill, their principal argument being that the collection of the tax from them amounted to taking tax money collected locally for local purposes for expenditure on a Statewide basis. It was estimated that St. Louis would save about \$25,000 a year if exempted from paying the tax.

Codification Plans Approved. Detailed plans for the legislative work necessary to make the bill conform to the new Constitution, approved by the Senate yesterday, will receive approval of the House before the end of the week.

Assignment of the topics on which revision of the law is required has been made, and an agreement has been reached for a recess of the Legislature from June 29 to Sept. 4 to enable committees of the two houses to prepare the several hundred bills that will be required and have them ready for consideration when the recess ends.

Committees will hold joint public hearings during the recess and will be aided by lawyers and experts employed by the Committee on Legislative Research. Recognizing that many of the standing committees of the House, appointed at the beginning of the session, have not the personnel equipped to consider the intricate problems that will arise, Speaker Elliott is appointing special committees for each of the topics assigned to the House. He also is calling on members of the constitutional convention to aid these committees.

The Senate, hesitating to confront standing committee chairmen by the appointment of special committees, will try to handle the bills through regular committees, and thus far has not indicated an intention to seek the assistance of constitutional convention delegates who handled the topics in the convention.

Insurance Bill Perfected. The Senate worked through the perfection stage the bill expanding the investment opportunities for life insurance companies in Missouri, but adopted amendments taking from the bill the section authorizing investment of insurance funds in common stocks, and also the section authorizing investment in securities issued by provinces of the Dominion of Canada and by corporations in the provinces.

Lengthy debate as to whether the State or local units of government should assume the cost of part of the cost of caring for persons on direct relief preceded adoption by the House of an amendment increasing by \$500,000 the direct relief appropriation for the coming fiscal year. The amendment, offered by Charles A. Witte of Kirkwood, raised the appropriation from \$1,500,000 to two million.

R. J. King Jr. of St. Clair, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee which recommended the \$1,500,000 appropriation, said that a stopping point in State participation in relief must be reached.

"Supporters of the increase," King said, "still want the right to control operations of the social security program in their communities. If they want that right, they should assume the responsibilities and care for their own relief cases."

Relief in St. Louis. Supporting the increase, Frank Mashak of St. Louis said it was impossible to live in St. Louis on the direct relief payment of \$20 a month. Mashak added that many persons going to St. Louis from rural areas couldn't be absorbed by industry because of physical incapacity and gravitated to slum districts. Forrest Mitendorf of St. Louis County said it might be necessary for St. Louis County to return to the poorhouse system in order to take care of relief cases.

An attempt to increase the appropriation for the Department of Resources and Development by \$39,420 failed in the House. After an amendment providing for the increase was defeated, the measure appropriating \$113,980 for operation of the department for one year was perfected.

The department, frequently called a State Chamber of Commerce, promotes development of the State's natural resources, parks and recreation areas and advertises the advantages of Missouri for industrial development in order to attract out-of-state capital.

FALZONE'S WIFE TESTIFIES AS LAST DEFENSE WITNESS

Senator Says She Was There When He and Mrs. MacCallum Discussed Bill.

By the Jefferson City Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, May 2.—Submission of evidence by Senator Joseph A. Falzone of St. Louis County in denial of statements that he had told a representative of beauty shop operators it would "take \$1500" to obtain passage of a beauty shop regulatory bill was completed last night before a special Senate committee investigating the charge.

Falzone's wife, Mrs. Laverta Falzone, was the last defense witness in an executive session of the committee. Her testimony corroborated Falzone's denial that there had been any mention of money being necessary to finance passage of the bill, in a conference in a Jefferson City hotel lobby last Feb. 19.

Senator M. C. Matthes, President pro tem of the Senate and committee chairman, said additional hearings would be conducted this afternoon. Several witnesses, perhaps four, he said, would be called by the Committee on Cosmetology and Hairdressing, Division of the State Department of Public Health. Committee hearings probably will be concluded this week, he said, and a report will be made to the Senate later.

Husband Tells of Testimony. Mrs. Falzone's testimony was not disclosed by the committee, but Falzone gave a brief summary of it to reporters. He said Mrs. Falzone testified that she and Mrs. Florence Many, 502 Kingsland avenue, University City, were present when Falzone discussed the bill with Mrs. Lillian MacCallum of St. Louis, director of the Division of Cosmetology and Hairdressing of the State Department of Health, and a supporter of the bill, in the Governor Hotel lobby the night of Feb. 19. She testified there was no reference to money, Falzone said.

Mrs. MacCallum has asserted Falzone told her in the hotel lobby Feb. 19 that money would be needed to pass the bill, and produced before the Senate committee two of Falzone's business cards bearing pencilled memoranda, which she said he handed her at the time.

One card bore a notation about procedure in handling a bill and the other the figures "\$1500-\$3000." Mrs. MacCallum asserted the figures indicated at the amount Falzone said would be necessary to pass the bill, and that the \$300 was what Falzone told her would be her share. She said she rejected the proposition.

Says Story Is Substantiated. Falzone said Mrs. Falzone's testimony last night bore out his story before the committee that the card bearing a memorandum about procedure in handling the bill was given to Mrs. Many, at her request, for her information, and not to Mrs. MacCallum. Falzone previously had testified that the card with the notation "\$1500-\$3000" was one he had prepared as a memorandum for a client, Mrs. Vera Smith of St. Louis, who had retained him to collect a \$1500 note, for a fee of \$300. He said Mrs. Smith had returned the card to him and that he must have inadvertently given it to Mrs. MacCallum later.

Herman Abraham, a pipefitter, 4511 Manchester avenue, St. Louis, named by Mrs. Smith and Falzone as the man who owed the \$1500 note to Mrs. Smith, testified before the committee yesterday, under subpoena.

Abraham refused to answer questions by reporters, but Falzone said Abraham testified he had borrowed various sums totaling about \$1200 from a Jack Lewis of St. Louis two or three years ago. Falzone said Lewis, whose St. Louis address he did not know, later desired to enter the Army, wanted his money, and persuaded Mrs. Smith to lend Abraham \$1500 on Abraham's note.

Falzone said \$1200 of the proceeds of the note was used to pay what Abraham owed to Lewis. Abraham testified, Falzone said, about offering to make weekly payments on the note, after being notified by Falzone to take steps to pay the note.

NAVY HAS ROCKETS OF TWO TYPES IN EFFECTIVE USE

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—The Navy disclosed yesterday existence of two types of rocket already in effective use.

The Hvar (high velocity aircraft rocket) was in action in the Normandy invasion. The other, called the spinner, first was used in combat at Iwo.

The spinner is a "big brother" to the 4.5-inch beach barrage rocket used by both Army and Navy since early amphibious operations. It is stabilized in flight by rotation.

The Hvar has been most extensively employed by Navy fighter and bomber pilots, and has proved effective in attacks on shipping, land installation and other special targets.

The speed of the plane gives the Hvar sufficient initial velocity to stabilize it before it leaves the launchers under the wings. The Hvar achieves high velocity and its precision makes it a valuable weapon in knocking out resistance ahead of advancing troops.

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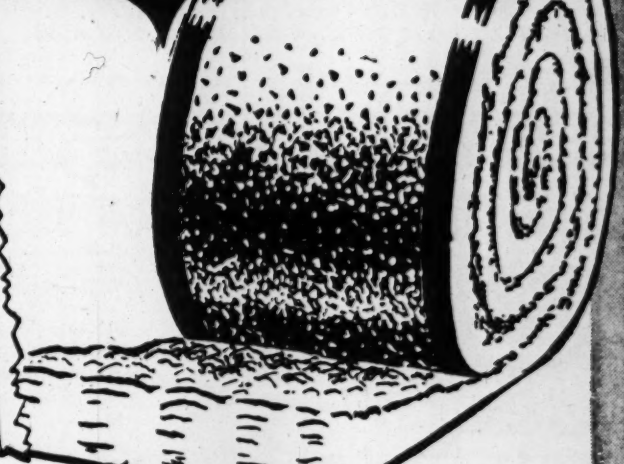
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one day last month for the salvage drive and who dedicated their efforts to Brig. Gen. T. J. Davis, serving at Allied Headquarters in Paris, received a letter of thanks

from the General. Miss Emily Konrad, fourth grade teacher at the school at 3641 Missouri avenue, mailed a post card to the General, whom her brother serves as chauffeur, notifying him of the school's dedication, and received the reply. "Without the effort and sacrifices made by our comrades, friends loved ones—including, of course, the young ones—it would not be possible for our armed services to have achieved the great success on the battlefield that they have wrought," Gen. Davis wrote.

Liquor Destroyed in \$3500 Fire. Fire caused damage estimated at \$3500 early today to stocks of liquor and other supplies in the basement of a drug store at Laclede and Newstead avenues. Firemen said the cause of the blaze, which started about 3 o'clock, was not determined. Robert Johnson is the owner of the store.

SHIPS RUSH FOOD TO DUTCH UNDER TRUCE WITH NAZIS

Germans Agree at Unprecedented Meeting to Let Allies Aid Millions Behind Lines.

By NED NORDNESS
WITH THE CANADIAN TROOPS IN WESTERN HOLLAND, May 2 (AP).—By air, land and sea the Allies began today to transport thousands of tons of food into western Holland to feed 3,500,000 starving Dutch civilians behind the enemy lines following an agreement reached yesterday. The Germans in the only formal Allied-enemy conference of its kind in this war.

Canadian and German commanders agreed on a 10-mile corridor through the 700-mile line southeast of Utrecht through which to move the food. It extends from the Waal Rhine north across the Lek to the Utrecht-Arnhem railroad. The agreement was reached at a conference yesterday in no-man's land west of Wageningen, on the north shore of the Lek.

The gigantic and amazing operation will see trucks loaded with bulk food from stock piles directly on the front lines speed straight into enemy territory to feed the hungry millions. In Antwerp ships are now taking on thousands of tons to be unloaded at German-held Rotterdam under enemy safe conduct pledge. Big aircraft based in Britain already have started dropping food rations into Holland. The Allies are expected to provide an average of 7000 food rations daily for an indefinite period. Twenty-five field teams specially trained in England already are on their way into the area to feed intravenously the thousands weakened by starvation to digest staple food.

Seize-Inquart at Meeting. Transportation of the food is the result of an unprecedented series of negotiations between high Allied and German officers. Arthur Seys-Inquart, bulky, bulb-nosed gauleiter of west Holland, led the enemy delegation to the first meeting. Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Eisenhower's chief of staff, headed the Allied delegation representing SHAEF, the Twenty-first Army Group, the Canadian Army and the Netherlands Government. It included Maj. Gen. I. Suslaparov, representing Russia, and Lt. Gen. Prince Bernhard, commander in chief of the Dutch forces.

As one of two correspondents permitted to witness this meeting, I watched Seys-Inquart and his delegation of officers and interpreters enter this peaceful Dutch hamlet, limping and walking with the aid of a cane, the gauleiter stepped from the staff car, gave a brief palm-outward salute to the Allied officers, then turned to enter the small schoolhouse where the negotiations took place.

Suddenly Seys-Inquart halted and stared hard at a long, low, leather-upholstered automobile bearing the license "RK-1" and the Netherlands standard. A flush slowly spread over his face. He turned and limped into the building.

The racy automobile just a few weeks ago had belonged to Seys-Inquart and in a dash through northeast Holland to escape the advancing Canadians the vehicle was captured by the Dutch underground and proudly presented to Prince Bernhard.

Truman Chats with Yardmen. WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—President Truman paused en route to his office today to chat with some workmen in the White House grounds engaged in removing the stump of a 75-year-old poplar. The tree was cut down yesterday because of a fungus root disease.

It was 8:35 o'clock when the President stopped in the northwest drive, walked over the lawn and asked William L. Green, Seat Pleasant, Md., Negro ax wielder, the age and other details of the fallen shade tree.

2,453,000 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON REICH—315 TO 1 DROPPED ON BRITAIN
LONDON, May 2 (AP).—American and British planes have dropped 2,453,000 tons of bombs on Germany since the start of the war—more than 315 tons for each ton of explosives looted on Britain by German bombers or V-weapons.

5000 ALLIED TROOPS ASHORE AT BORNEO, JAP RADIO SAYS

No M'Arthur Report on Invasion — Yanks Push to Within 6 Miles of Davao in Philippines.

MANILA, May 2 (AP).—Japanese broadcasts today continued to tell of an Allied invasion of Dutch Borneo, an action confirmed in part by official Australian sources although no announcement has yet been made from the headquarters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

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Cable Service to Italy to Reopen. WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—World cable service to Italy will be reopened Friday under an agreement reached in Rome among Italian, British and American delegations, the State Department announced yesterday.

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American planes flying from Britain, the continent and Italian bases contributed 1,453,595 tons of the total and the Royal Air Force 1,000,000, it was disclosed last night.

Allied airmen destroyed 40,822 German planes for a loss of 27,715. The Allies lost 16,552 bombers, 800 of them American, and 10,163 fighters, of which 7165 were American.

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Film About Flying Tigers Now at Fox

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"Bring On the Girls." Technicolor, starring Sonny Tufts, Veronica Lake, Eddie Bracken, and Marjorie Reynolds, opens today at the Ambassador. The background is the Navy, and the plot revolves around Bracken, possessor of \$200,000,000 who goes into service to get away from feminine gold-diggers. "High Powered," featuring Robert Lowery, Roger Pryor, and Phyllis Brooks, is the second feature. "The Unseen," starring Joel McCrea and Gail Russell in a story of the supernatural, begins tomorrow at the Missouri, with "Molly and Me," a comedy about "down-and-out" actors, starring Grace Fields and Monty Woolley. Opening tomorrow at the Orpheum are "Charlie Chan in the Jade Mask," a mystery film with Sidney Toler, and "Forever Yours," a love story with Gale Storm. "Merry Wives of Vienna," a pre-war Austrian-made musical comedy, is the film opening Saturday at the Art Theater, 3143 Olive street.

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MISSOURI

"It's a Pleasure," at 2:00, 5:15, 8:30, 11:45. "Thunderhead," at 12:45, 3:50, 7:05, "The Unseen," at 8:25.

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"House of Frankenstein," at 10:30, 12:51, 3:12, 5:33, 7:54, 10:15, "Mummy's Curse," at 11:51, 1:12, 3:33, 5:54, 8:15.

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\$1721 SHORTAGE FOUND IN AUDIT OF PRISON STORE

No Responsibility Fixed—Loss at Penitentiary in 8 Months Includes \$580 in Robbery.

By BOYD CARROLL
Jefferson City Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, May 2.—A shortage of \$1721 in the inventory and accounting of the commissary, or prison store operated in the state penitentiary here for convicts and prison employees, over an eight-month period, has been disclosed in an audit, Gov. Phil M. Donnelly said today.

No responsibility has been fixed for the shortage, the Governor said, in an audit made by the staff of State Auditor Forrest Smith. The auditors reported the \$1721 shortage represented the difference between the reported sales of the commissary and what the audit showed the sales should have totaled.

The commissary, operated by prison employees with the aid of convicts, sells tobacco, foodstuffs, toilet supplies, clothing and other articles to prison employees and convicts. Sales reported in the eight-month period covered by the audit and ending March 1 totaled about \$60,000.

One item of \$580 in the shortage was said to represent a merchandise robbery of the commissary last December, which has not been solved so far. Prison officials have explained "there was snow on the ground at the time but no tracks outside the commissary," Donnelly said.

HITLER'S 'HEROIC' END QUESTIONED BY EISENHOWER

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which either Doenitz or Himmler may say or do can change in any way the agreed operations of the Allied armies."

Text of Statement.

The text of the statement authorized by Gen. Eisenhower: "Adm. Doenitz has stated in his broadcast on the night of May 1 that Hitler met a hero's death and that he, Adm. Doenitz, was nominated by Hitler before his death as his successor both as Reich Chancellor and as supreme commander of the Wehrmacht."

"In virtue of this Adm. Doenitz claims that the allegiance of the German Army is now transferable to Adolf Hitler to him."

"In view of these assertions by Adm. Doenitz the following information is made public:

"1. A meeting took place at Luebeck at 1 o'clock on the morning of April 24 between Count (Folke) Bernadotte of the International Red Cross and Reichsfuehrer (of the S.S.) Heinrich Himmler. At this meeting Himmler admitted Hitler was ill that he might already be dead.

"At any rate he could not be expected to live more than two days longer."

"Gen. Schillenger who was also present added that Hitler was suffering from a brain hemorrhage."

"Adm. Doenitz's statement therefore that Hitler met a hero's death at his post is in contradiction with the facts given by Himmler and Schillenger."

"In conclusion it must be stressed that the attempt by Adm. Doenitz both in his statement to the German people and his order of the day to the Wehrmacht to drive a wedge between the British and Americans on one side and the Russians on the other will be as completely ineffective as the many previous efforts which have been made."

"Constant contact is being maintained not only between the three governments but between this headquarters and the headquarters of the Soviet army and nothing which either Adm. Doenitz or Himmler may say or do can change in any way the agreed operations of the Allied armies."

The fact that supreme headquarters' recital of its facts began with the numeral No. 1 but was not followed by other numerals suggested something had been deleted at the last moment and that supreme headquarters had even more information on Hitler's death than it was disclosing.

Bernadotte and Himmler Arranged Prisoners' Release.

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (AP).—Count Folke Bernadotte told a press conference yesterday he had obtained through negotiation with Heinrich Himmler the release of 15,500 prisoners from Nazi concentration camps. By previous agreement no questions were asked concerning German peace proposals carried by the Count from Himmler to the Allies.

Bernadotte, vice chairman of the Swedish Red Cross, stepped any comment on Himmler's disposition or any impressions he had of the Gestapo chief.

Bernadotte said he saw Himmler the last time 10 days ago in Luebeck.

2400 FREED FROM JAPANESE PRISON CAMPS ARRIVE IN U. S.

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (AP).—Twenty-four hundred persons—civilian, religious and Army—liberated from Japanese prisons in the Philippines, arrived today on a large transport.

Those who were able to stand lined the rails and cheered. Among them were many children. Others, too ill to reach the upper decks, waited to be carried ashore.

'Missouri Mother'



MRS. GEORGE W. DIEMER

MRS. GEORGE DIEMER NAMED 'MISSOURI MOTHER OF 1945'

Warrensburg Woman Honored for Work in Connection With Mother's Day.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., May 2 (AP).—Mrs. George W. Diemer, wife of the president of Central Missouri State Teachers College, has been named "Missouri Mother of 1945" by the American Mothers' Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation.

Mrs. Ruth Kelsa Renfrow, State chairman of the committee, said the citation was for Mrs. Diemer's work in connection with Mother's day activities.

Mrs. Diemer, native of Miami, Mo., is the mother of two sons and two daughters. They are George Willis Diemer Jr., who died in action in the South Pacific; John I. Diemer, a musician; Mrs. Wickliffe B. Hendry, wife of an Army Captain, and Miss Emma Lou Diemer, pianist and church organist.

TRUMAN STARTS TO PARE EXPENSES AS V-E DAY NEARS

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drawing its proposed \$269,000 budget for the coming year.

The other agencies affected include Office of War Information, War Production Board, Office of Censorship, Office of Defense Transportation, Petroleum Administration for War, Federal Security Agency, War Manpower Commission and Office of Scientific Research and Development.

Pares Ship Construction.

In a letter to Congress Truman asked for repeal of an appropriation of \$3,100,000,000 and of contract authorizations totaling \$4,265,000,000 for Maritime Commission ship construction. Remaining available for ship construction is \$2,242,500,000—for completing the present program—and approximately 600 million dollars for possible future construction and reconversion.

The White House said the activities of all agencies would be continually reviewed "to achieve economies where they will not interfere with the prosecution of the war," and added:

"It is anticipated that in addition to the cuts in the 1946 budgets, reserves of many millions of dollars can be set up for the current fiscal year, ending June 30."

Other Cuts Recommended.

The President recommended a reduction of \$12,100,000 in the \$54,100,000 budget of OWI and the following other cuts:

1. WPB, a cut of \$8,894,000 from the \$48,042,000 budget.

2. Office of Censorship, a reduction of \$4,800,000 in its proposed \$19,150,000 budget.

3. ODT, a cut of \$3,300,000 from a proposed \$11,000,000 budget.

4. A reduction of \$345,000 in the \$4,345,000 budget of the Petroleum Administration for War.

5. Elimination of the FSA education training program for defense workers was recommended, permitting a proposed reduction of \$43,710,400 from a \$44,845,300 budget, leaving a balance of \$1,134,900 for liquidation of these programs in the Office of Education. At the same time the President recommended an increase of 15 millions in the FSA proposed separate budget of \$416,000,000 for providing grants for old-age assistance, and for dependent children and the blind.

6. The President recommended a reduction of \$1,598,000 in the proposed budget of \$15,598,000 for general administration of the WMC, and reported abandonment of a few labor control devices in some areas and a greater use of the United States Employment Service.

7. The statement said the President already had recommended to Congress that the proposed budget of the Office of Scientific Research and Development be reduced from \$90,700,000 to \$77,500,000.

The President recommended a reduction from \$552,000 to \$138,000 for the WMC apprenticeship training service and a cut of \$578,000 in the proposed \$1,778,000 WMC budget for the training-within-industry service. The other WMC cut involved a proposed budget of \$600,000 for migration of workers as compared to a previous request for \$9,349,900.

Named to Eleemosynary Board.

JEFFERSON CITY, May 2.—Miss Nelle Cummins (Dem.), Kansas City, was appointed today by Gov. Donnelly as a member of the Board of Managers of State Eleemosynary Institutions, to succeed Mrs. Alice R. Selditz (Dem.), Kansas City, who resigned.

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JAPS HAVE LOST HALF OF OKINAWA TROOPS--BUCKNER

General Says Aim Now Is to Kill Foe at Small Cost to U. S.—New Yank Gains.

By AL DOPKING

GUAM, May 2 (AP).—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., whose Tenth Army troops today fought within rifle range of southern Okinawa's three main cities, estimates that one-half of the island's original Japanese garrison have been killed, wounded or captured.

The original Japanese garrison was believed to total about 60,000. Buckner estimated that its strength to resist had been reduced by more than half in the month-old campaign. More and more Japanese are surrendering, he reported.

Yonabaru, the third largest

city, came under immediate attack after Seventh Division units on the east end of the line outflanked Japanese defenders of Yonabaru airfield. The flanking force cut around fortified heights overlooking the coastal airfield and entered Kuchazu town, only one mile from Yonabaru.

Bitter Fight at Shuri.

In the central sector, the Ninety-sixth Division was less than half a mile from Shuri, Okinawa's second largest city, where the Japanese were making a desperate stand.

On the west coast the Twenty-seventh Division pushed to within a mile and a half of Naha, capital and largest city.

Associated Press Correspondent James Lindsley, with the Seventh Division, reported that Japanese artillery fire at Kuchazu was intense during Sunday night.

Japanese infiltration efforts resulted in a number of brisk engagements in the various sectors.

Japs' Strategic Error.

Buckner, in a press conference reported by Lindsley, summed up tersely the remaining objective of the Okinawa campaign: To "kill as many Japanese as possible, as soon as possible, with the least

loss to us." He said American forces, although facing the strongest fortifications and the heaviest artillery opposition of the entire Pacific campaign, have suffered less than one man hurt for every Japanese killed.

The General said his army was given two "presents" at the start of the campaign, unopposed landing and no counterattacks. These factors made it possible to land heavy weapons and to organize for an offensive.

"It seems likely that the commander here was ordered to hang on rather than to try to prevent our landing, with the promise that the United States fleet would be sunk or heavy air support given," Buckner said. "That might have been the logical thing to do if the promises could have been fulfilled, but the Japs already had used up

much of their fleet and air power and were unable to make good."

If the Japanese commander was operating on this theory he has made a good defense of the island, in Buckner's estimation. If he was not expecting outside aid, then his defense was poor.

One U. S. Ship Damaged.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's Tues-

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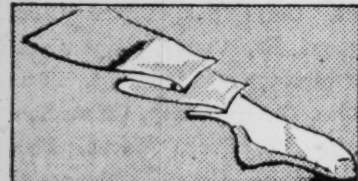
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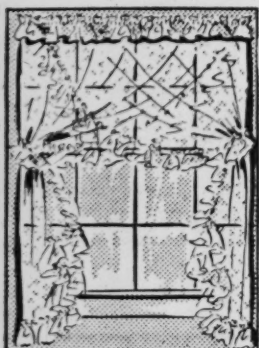
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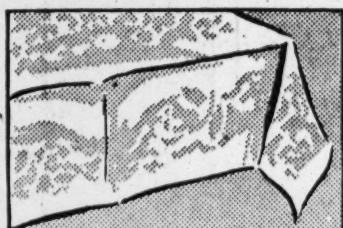
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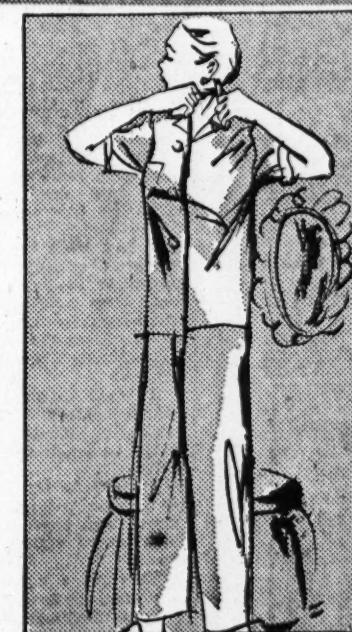
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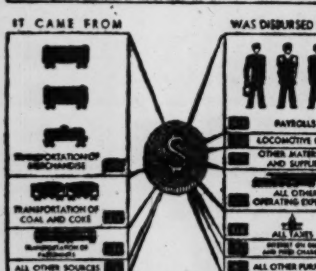
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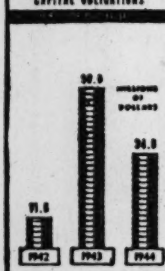
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EARNINGS:	Year 1944	Compared with 1943
From operations—transporting freight, passengers, mail, express, etc.	\$387,193,036	I \$29,050,884
From dividends and interest on securities owned, rents, etc.	7,741,295	D 896,674
Total	\$394,934,331	I \$29,947,558
EXPENSES:		
Payroll, fuel, material, etc.	\$287,068,754	I \$36,484,401
Taxes	48,984,845	I 2,227,636
Equipment and Joint Facility Rents	9,833,057	I 890,685
Total	\$345,876,656	I \$39,602,722
Other charges—principally rent for leased roads and equipment, interest on debt, etc.	28,143,237	D 1,832,470
Total	\$374,019,893	I \$37,749,252
Net Earnings	\$20,914,438	D \$9,595,042
DISPOSITION OF NET EARNINGS:		
Additions and betterments to Company property	\$ 4,906,110	D \$ 146,370
Appropriated for sinking and other reserve funds—to retire debt	8,021,881	D 11,097,232
Other appropriations	45,188	I 1,309
Added to the Company's surplus	7,941,259	I 1,647,231
Total	\$20,914,438	D \$9,595,042

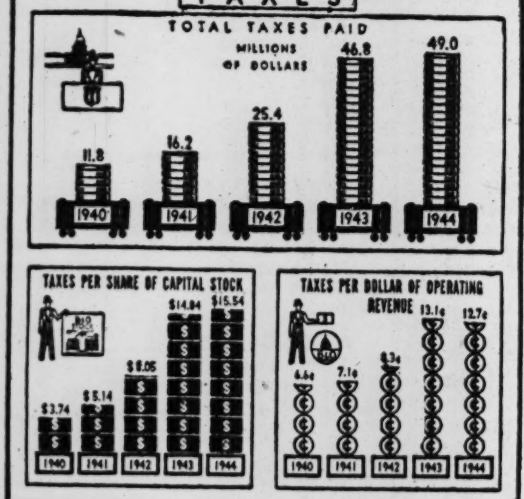
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The Company's tax bill of \$48,984,845, was larger in 1944 than ever before. During 1944 debt of the Company was reduced by \$34,801,828. Total debt reduction during the last three years was more than \$105,000,000.

The President and Directors acknowledge with grateful appreciation the loyalty and cooperation of stockholders and others interested in the Company's success; the Army, Navy and other agencies of the Government; our patrons, whose patriotic understanding of present day conditions has been most helpful; and, the officers and employees, without whose enthusiastic support we could not have accomplished the tremendous task of 1944. More than 16,000 employees of the Company have been furloughed for military service and more than 150 of these have given their lives for their country.

R. B. White, President

TRUMAN PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT OF POLICIES OF OPA

Some Senators Resent President's Attack on 'Irresponsible Criticism' of Agency.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP).—A presidential declaration of confidence in the Office of Price Administration carried with it today a pledge of full White House support of the agency's much-debated policies.

Both Republicans and Democrats in key positions said the Price Control Act expiring June 30 undoubtedly would be renewed. But Senator Taft (Rep., Ohio), said "the President's inaction, in spite of the fact that the OPA has removed any possibility of a unanimous report" from the Banking Committee considering the legislation.

Reason for Statement. From officials in a position to know, came this story behind Truman's statement—told with the understanding names would not be divulged.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles went to the White House with an offer to resign if the President were dissatisfied with the way OPA has been operated. Bowles suggested that if Truman wanted to make a change he should do so now, before the start of reconversion.

Noting sharp criticism of OPA recently, particularly a few minutes, Bowles said he would be glad to withdraw, adding that if the Chief Executive wanted him to stay he would appreciate a public statement indorsing the agency's policies.

Truman said he was entirely satisfied with the job Bowles had done and that Bowles would receive 100 per cent support of the President.

Backing up this promise, Truman issued his statement a few hours after the conference.

"Irresponsible Criticism." In it he said he supposed "that OPA, like the rest of us, has made a few mistakes," but he added that "irresponsible criticism should not be permitted to break down the confidence of the people in an essential wartime program and a hard-working agency."

In predicting a clash within the Banking Committee, Taft, a leading minority member, told reporters: "I will certainly join in a sweeping condemnation of many OPA practices which in my opinion are contrary to the law and have caused injustice and serious maladjustment of supply of food and other products."

Senator McCarran (Dem., Nevada), said the criticism he had heard of the agency "has been highly justified."

"It has been administered by a bunch of cockeyed theorists and unless it is reformed internally there are going to be changes made by law," he said.

Text of Statement. President Truman's statement follows:

"I want to say a word of deserved commendation for an organization which has been subjected to much criticism in recent weeks.

"I refer to the OPA. Probably no other government agency comes into such intimate contact with every citizen during war-time.

"Our price control and rationing machinery enters into every home and affects directly the daily life of the housewife and her family. Naturally, things must be done which displease many people. No businessman, no farmer, no merchant likes to be told how much he can charge for his wares. No housewife likes to be told that she may have only a limited supply of meat, or sugar, or canned goods with which to feed her family.

"As the war proceeds toward a victorious climax, shortages become more acute. The requirements of our military and naval forces are great. We must supplement the economic resources of our fighting allies, such as Britain, Russia, China and France, who have suffered great devastation in this war.

"We must do our part in helping to prevent anarchy, riot and pestilence in the areas liberated from Axis domination. These requirements place a greater and greater strain on our resources. "OPA Has Made a Few Mistakes."

"I suppose that OPA, like the rest of us has made a few mistakes. But when we look at the whole record, I think that our price control and stabilization program has been one of the most remarkable achievements of this war.

"Had it not been for OPA and the stabilization program we should have had run-away inflation. In other countries, run-away inflation has sown the seeds of tyranny and disorder. In this country, we have kept inflation under control. OPA has helped to make it possible for our fighting men to come to a stable and prosperous economy.

"Our price control and stabilization program could not have been successful without a good law and good administration. Congress has given us a good law and I hope Congress will extend that law for at least another year.

"OPA has been well administered by Mr. Chester Bowles, its thousands of employees and hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers in local price and rationing boards have worked faithfully for long hours doing difficult jobs. Many able men from business and other walks of life have

patriotically contributed their services to OPA, often at distinct financial sacrifice.

"Irresponsible criticism should not be permitted to break down the confidence of the people in an essential wartime program and a hard-working wartime agency."

JAP OFFICIALS FLEE REICH IN YACHT, SAIL TO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (AP).—A yacht flying the Japanese flag and carrying seven Japanese

naval officers sailed into the tiny port of Ystad on Sweden's southern coast yesterday.

The boat, named Nihon Maru, was owned by the Japanese naval attaché in Berlin. Aboard, said the Central News Agency, were

the Japanese secretary to the naval attaché, two Japanese women and 11 Germans, including five women, one Dutch woman and six German children.

The yacht left Warnemunde, on the German Baltic coast north of Rostock Tuesday morning.

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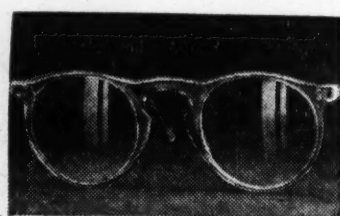
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American Lady Royal Anne Cherries, No. 2½ glass — (40 points) 54c
 Musselman's Applesauce, No. 2 can — (10 points) 14c
 Demand Apricot Halves, No. 2½ gl. (30 points) 31c
 Demand Peach Halves, No. 2½ jar, (80 points) 29c
 Tre Ripe Figs, No. 2½ can — (40 points) 24c
 Libby Fruit Cocktail, No. 2½ can — (80 points) 34c
 Altex Grapefruit Juice, 46 oz. can — (20 points) 29c
 Dromedary Orange Juice, 46-oz. can — 46c
 Sunsweet Prune Juice, qt. bottle — 29c
 Dr. Phillips Blend Juice, 46 oz. — (20 points) 42c
 Welch Grape Juice, quart bottle — (50 points) 45c
 Libby Loganberry Juice, 12 oz. can — 27c

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 Land O'Lakes Whole Corn, No. 2 can, (20 points) 14c
 Elco Cut Green Beans, No. 2, (2 for 10 points) each 19c
 Sniders Spinach, No. 2 can — (10 points) 16c
 Libby Mixed Vegetables, No. 2 can — 19c
 Elco Cut Beets, No. 2 can — 13c
 Libby Chopped Carrots, 7½-oz. can — 6 for 29c
 Libby Tomato Juice, No. 2 can — (10 points) 10c
 V-8 Vegetable Juice, 46 oz. can — (20 points) 32c
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 Hamilton Kraut Juice, 16 oz. bottle — 11c

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 Tea Room Apricot Preserves, 1 lb. jar — 25c
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 Tea Room Peach Preserves, 1 lb. jar — 21c
 Tea Room Grape Jam, 1 lb. jar — 17c
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JOSEPH PULITZER.

April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Hitler Is Small Fry

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

After the victory report last Saturday had been denied, a man in a downtown restaurant said, "Here's hoping we get Hitler himself. That's all I want."

Let us hope that the United Nations will not make the mistake in emphasis implied in this remark. Let us remember that Hitler neither started this war nor finished it. This war was started by world fascism—a scheme to seize the world resources for a predatory few.

World fascism's vanguard was Mussolini's corporate state; its gangster-tyranny was Japan; its spearhead was Nazi Germany. But its masters in final count were the men who deliberately engineered Hitler's rise to power: the German industrial barons and bankers who, to the end, held the whip-hand over the Junkers, the land-owners of East Prussia, the Prussian Generals, the Nazi party, the German nation and Hitler himself.

Hitler did their bidding. Without them he was powerless. He was their willing tool, but none the less a tool.

Hitler should be exterminated as a matter of course, but it is his Fascist masters who must be liquidated if the enemy's power is to be broken.

J. KNOWLES ROBBINS.

Fear as a Strikebreaker

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Brave enough to face public opinion, but too cowardly to take a chance of being drafted. That is my thought in regard to the Curtis-Wright strikers. So they rush to return to work.

JOSEPH H. WITTING.

Why Admit Argentina?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

It was with both dismay and a deep sense of disappointment that I heard Argentina is to be invited to the San Francisco Conference against the objection of Molotov—the one issue on which a lot of us are going to agree with him, though we bridled at his insistence on the recognition of the Warsaw Government.

His reasons concerning Argentina are most logical. It is unthinkable that a country which has definitely been on the side of the Axis, even up to the present moment, when it announces there will be no celebration when Berlin falls, should be allowed to sit in on our peace conference.

Why this pampering and catering to such a belligerent nation? We certainly give Russia no reason to speculate on our trustworthiness—yes, even our "sanity." Argentina's presence at the great meeting we've waited, hoped and prayed for is a disgrace.

BLANCHE DILLON POHLE.

Twisted Reports on Russia

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

For the past 20 years, most of the information that the public has had about Russia has been given us by her foes. It was given us by those who are anti-Russian and anti-Communist. Hitler tried to justify his war-making by saying that it was to protect the world against Communism. Our native fascists have also had much to tell the public.

The meeting of the Russian and the American armies will do much to give us a true report on conditions in that country. When the soldiers of the two nations get together and talk things over, we will find out many things about Russia that were not given us by people who put prejudice above truth.

Already certain people in our own country are trying to drive a wedge between the United States and the Soviet Union. We cannot have world security or "a world brotherhood of man" unless the Soviet Union is included in this plan.

BILL HAYDEN.

Surfeit of Whitewash

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Looks as though we'll soon have another wartime shortage—of lime, because the Army is using so darn much whitewash in regards to codding Nazi prisoners of war.

Incidentally, our State Department seems to be using its share, too, in regards to the two Fascist-flavored countries, Spain and Argentina. Why?

Kirkwood. A. L. R.

Their Offense Was Living

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Never in the history of mankind has there ever been anything to equal the German atrocities. And don't hold any idea that it was only a small percentage who are inhumanly cruel. There is only a small percentage who are not brutes. And German women are just as bad as the men.

Even animals are not as low as the Germans are now. Animals would never do the things these vile, cruel, filthy creatures have done to millions of innocent men, women and children, who did nothing more than oppose the German fiends.

In fact, some of the unfortunate victims didn't commit any offense except just being alive.

BEN BRUEGGEMANN.

Hitler's Alleged Death

The announcement made late yesterday by the Nazi radio is one that calls for keeping the fingers crossed, tossing a pinch of salt (or a barrel of it) over the left shoulder, rapping on wood and reiterating that grand old slogan, "I'm from Missouri—you've got to show me."

And, since Hitler always kept several doubles handy, it is an item that calls for affidavits, photographs, trustworthy eye-witnesses, fingerprints, dental records and a writ of habeas corpus, which means roughly, "Produce the body."

For the dramatically whooped-up announcement of Adolf Hitler's alleged death in the ruins of Berlin is so completely in keeping with the whole swindling system of Nazi propaganda, and with the Fuehrer's own maxim about the "big lie," that a wave of skepticism is the world's first reaction, even among people who want ardently to believe the report.

If Hitler is really dead, no material change is made in the war outlook, so far as the Allies are concerned. The terms are still unconditional surrender, by Hitler, Himmler, Doenitz or the last doddering Volkssturm man in the last village of the so-called redoubt.

But is he dead? Or is this the first stage of a cunning scheme designed to permit the Fuehrer's escape and survival in some remote hide-out? Or of a plan to give false glamour to a death from natural causes?

The Nazis and their Junker pals are known to be laying schemes for going underground, both to escape Allied justice and to be ready for a fresh start when the time seems ripe. Hitler without the moustache and the uniform would be a seedy little man who might escape notice in some distant refuge. And ancient German legend is all on the side of a build-up for a vanishing and reappearing hero.

Emperor Frederick Barbarossa is celebrated in German song and story. He didn't die, the legend says, but retired to a cavern, where he sat sleeping for centuries, and his long red beard grew through a stone table. When Germany needs him, he is supposed to return and lead it to victory. Is Hitler to be the new Barbarossa?

Adm. Doenitz, his self-announced successor, is fully capable of joining in such a plot. Captured by the British in World War I, he feigned insanity so effectively as to deceive both English and German doctors, and won swift release from a prison camp, to return home and begin laying plans for the wolf packs and long-distance submarines of World War II. Such cunning calculation is just what would be needed to carry off a phony Hitler death, or the buildup for a posthumous saga of heroism.

And what's become of Himmler, previous acting head of the Reich and attempted negotiator of surrender? Why doesn't he instead of Doenitz succeed Hitler? Perhaps there has been a palace revolt that has eliminated him, while Doenitz and the remaining Nazi die-hards try to carry on while building up a Hitler legend for future reference.

Hitler is dead, the Nazis say. So what? Whether he's in Valhalla, Hades or Berchtesgaden, the war goes on. Extinguishing Hitler was one goal; extinguishing Hitlerism and permanently curbing Germany remains a more important one.

Why the Sugar Ration Is Cut

Judge Samuel I. Rosenman recommends that this country should shoulder responsibility for most of the supplies for liberated Western Europe. This is given immediate point by the 25 per cent cut in our sugar ration.

The presidential food scout is wise in urging a widespread campaign "to inform the American people of the gravity of the need of our allies." Such a campaign should be accompanied by facts and figures, to calm the fears of people who fear too much food is going to foreigners and that Americans will starve.

The cut in sugar may prove a sacrifice for many, but it will be small in comparison with the contribution it will make to the undernourished and starving people abroad. Our diet will continue close to its pre-war norm of 3300 calories a day, highest among the Allied nations. But Britain's standard was not more than half as much last year, her meat quota was recently cut seven-eighths, and no Briton can buy more than a shilling's worth of meat a week. France's official ration is less than half what we estimate is needed by a man at work. Holland's famished are living on 500 calories a day. Our situation hasn't the remotest resemblance to the hunger and misery over there.

We should not be surprised that the first cut came in sugar. It is easy to assimilate, liberates energy to perform muscular work and is a most important carbohydrate, a group which furnishes over half the energy content of most diets.

Today's belt-tightening will pay dividends, both in good will from abroad and in preventing

starvation and disease in Europe, which would hold back postwar recovery. The more we can do to relieve the sufferers' hunger, the quicker the world can get going again on the path to peace and prosperity. The sugar will pay rich dividends.

For Relief—25 Cents

Why, in the name of elementary decency, must we have regularly recurring crises over direct relief in Missouri? Why do they always end in appropriations sharply below minimum budgets already trimmed to the bone and beyond?

For whatever motive, the fact itself is painfully clear. For the 21,600 persons in Missouri outside institutions but without means of minimum self-support, \$4,903,126 is asked for the year beginning July 1. That is none too much; it averages 62 cents per person per day.

The House Appropriations Committee, however, provided for only \$1,500,000 for the year, which has just been raised by amendment on the floor to \$2,000,000—about 25 cents per person per day. That is less generous than the \$1,100,000 appropriated for the last half of 1944 alone. It is about a one-sixth reduction from the grossly inadequate 30 cents per person appropriated for the first half of this year. It will mean cutting off many relief families and drastically reducing payments to the remainder.

These people, be it remembered, cannot qualify for social security. Some of them cannot work because of chronic illness. Many are crippled. Some are nearly blind; some are mentally deficient. They are the kind of people who live in the grimier quarters of the slums, quarters that most slum-dwellers look down on.

A good many of them have children who must stay out of school in cold weather because their rags do not provide minimum warmth. Some of these children must forage like rats in the garbage cans of the more fortunate. What a future harvest for the hospitals, asylums and prisons!

Experience shows that the less the State gives these people to eke out their tiny or non-existent means, the more of them will be put into hospitals by malnutrition, dirt and cold. And in tuberculosis hospitals it costs, not 25 cents, but nearly \$10 a day to treat each of them.

Recognition for Small Nations

The San Francisco Conference's just and gracious choice of representatives of the small nations as chairmen of the four commissions to draft the charter for the world peace organization should go far to remove their apprehensions of the Big Four. A Norwegian heads the commission on the Security Council, a South African on the General Assembly, a Belgian on the principles and purposes, a Venezuelan has direction of the plan for the International Court.

These selections recognize both the sacrifices small nations have made for a democratic world and equally the contribution their leaders can make to the charter on which man's future so largely depends.

Better Than May, 1940

Churchill's words to the House of Commons yesterday had an air of bursting with expectancy and high hopes, delivered by a man eagerly awaiting the time when great good news could be told. He said nothing specific, but he did deliver the prize understatement of a long career in that favorite British rhetorical device; namely:

I have no special statement to make on the war position in Europe except that it is definitely more satisfactory than it was at this time five years ago.

That bland reference carries the memory back to the tableau of early May, 1940. It was a time when phony war was ending, and phony optimism was at its peak. Hitler had engulfed Denmark and Norway in April, which caused armchair strategists to say wisely that he had over-extended his lines, Chamberlain to declare that he had "missed the bus," even Churchill to call the move "as great a strategic and political error as that committed by Napoleon when he invaded Spain." Hopes were that the Nazis would also emerge from their defenses in the West, and so give the Allies an opening for counter-attack and swift victory.

The Nazis emerged on May 10, and swept over all Western Europe. The Russian war with its early disasters was still to come, and the crippling Allied defeats in North Africa, and the paralyzing Japanese strokes. Five years ago, the darkest days were still ahead, and the false hopes of the time now seem even more tragic than the perils that followed.

Well, it's nice to know that things are definitely more satisfactory now.

"Meat-Hungry Solons Grill OPA Official," says a headline. Well, that's meat-hungry, all right.

MVA A CLOSE-UP OF THE MISSOURI VALLEY

By Rufus Terral Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

EN ROUTE, May 2. Electricity in the Missouri Valley costs too much and is used by too few.

In most of the valley, it is produced by small, isolated, virtually obsolete plants, at costs ranging from 6 to 13 mills a kilowatt-hour. In the Tennessee Valley, TVA produces and sells electricity to its retail distributors for an average price of 5½ mills a kilowatt-hour, and makes a nice profit into the bargain.

Utilization of the wasted water power of the Missouri River system would produce as much electricity as is now being produced in the entire Missouri Valley. Distribution of this electricity at TVA rates would reduce by 50 per cent or more the bills of domestic, commercial and most industrial consumers. The saving to hundreds of thousands of people would amount to something like \$100,000,000 a year.

But these millions of dollars of savings which would be released to the people of the Missouri Valley to spend for necessities and comforts they could not otherwise afford—including, first of all, the increased incomes and the better living they can obtain from increased use of electricity—would be

only the start of a series of benefits.

Electricity is a service which has been enjoyed principally by the city-dwellers in the valley. It can be brought to more and more of the 900,000-dwelling farm homes which, according to REA's figures, now lack it. It can stimulate industrialization. In the Missouri Valley as in the Tennessee Valley, the timid process of allowing power expansion to follow industrial expansion can be reversed, and power can be made the bold advance agent of industrialization.

Electro-chemical and electro-metallurgical industries, which use large blocks of power, and have risen in the Tennessee Valley to consume new power as fast as it has been produced, are among the foremost possibilities in the Missouri Valley also.

Electric-furnace treatment of iron ore, and reduction of magnesium salts to metals—both from large deposits in Wyoming—were among the possibilities considered by the Army Engineers. Further electrification of railroads was regarded as another possibility. The largest potential markets for immediate development, the Army Engineers considered,

were the growing industries of St. Louis.

Electricity can play a big part in the exploitation of the immense deposits of Missouri Valley phosphate ore for the benefit—through phosphate fertilizers—of the land and the farmer.

Irrigation will require more and lower-cost power if it is to be carried as far as it should be. Its extension has been held up in some parts of the valley by high power costs.

One of the best of all possibilities for low-cost power developed for the people of the Missouri Valley is that it may break the hold which government-by-power-company has had upon government-by-the-people in the State of Montana. Of the 2,000,000 kilowatts more of installed power capacity in the Missouri River system, the Reclamation Bureau proposed in its report to develop 788,500. The Army Engineers in the Pick Plan stipulated no certain amount. They say they plan to start with 250,000 and to develop eventually 1,000,000.

Neither plan contemplates the ultimate development of more than half the potential power of the Missouri River system.



OUR OWN PRISONERS OF MISFORTUNE

Wallace's Plan for Free Enterprise

Magazine for Soldiers Only Is Introduced to Home Front

The Mirror of Public Opinion

Planning is essential to economic freedom, former Vice President declares; urges governmental steps to prevent small business men's exclusion from any field, enable them to get guaranteed loans, have access to industrial research and obtain needed tax relief.

Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Commerce, in Reader's Digest

I am against a planned economy. It means tyranny. It means that all economic decisions would be made by a small group at a central spot.

Nevertheless I favor planning. I favor planning to keep our American economic system competitively free. I go further. I favor planning to make our economic system freer than it is today.

It is threatened today by what the late William Allen White called "private totalitarianism." It is threatened by the tendency toward concentrating American economic decisions in the hands of the directors of a few large corporations.

Decisions Should Be Diffused

At the end of our last boom, in 1929, 5 per cent of our corporations owned 85 per cent of all of our corporate wealth. In 1937, 13 corporations possessed the services of one-third of all the country's industrial research scientists. In 1942, under the influence of this tendency, 75 per cent of our war-production contracts were held by 58 or corporations.

The true danger in such a situation is not that a few men become rich, but that decisions determining the economic destinies of millions upon millions of Americans tend to be made by a few men in a few central spots. This concentration of economic power could finally give us a private planned economy just as tyrannical as any public planned economy.

Economic freedom requires that economic decisions should be, as much as possible, not concentrated but diffused. They should be made, as much as possible, not by handfuls of men but by multitudes of men. True free enterprise cannot survive except as the enterprise of the many.

I propose that all our governments, Federal, state and local, should deliberately encourage the enterprise of the many. And I note with satisfaction that "small business," which is the enterprise of the many, still exists here in great volume.

"Small business" is still approximately half the population of our American business economy. We should not, then, despair of "the capitalism of the common man" in America. We should go to work to retain it—and enlarge it. We should not be content just to save "small business." We should aim at expanding the area in which "small business" can thrive and multiply and grow.

Four Practical Things

There are at least four practical things that can be done to make it possible for more American citizens to start businesses and to develop them; and I contend that these things would benefit not only small businesses but large. I contend that Big Business itself would be benefited by more development of small businesses.

The first thing to do is to see to it that newcomers are not artificially excluded from any business area. Such exclusions

happen through monopolistic pools of patents, controls of raw materials, deals between rings of manufacturers and rings of distributors. Knock down all arbitrary barriers that prevent a small business man from entering a business of his choice.

Point Two is to see to it that new small businesses have a reasonable access to credit. They do not have it today. In the matter of credit, of finance, of loans, they are much worse off than 30 years ago.

Loans for Small Business

I would approve the establishment of a Government agency which in certain circumstances would guarantee loans to small businesses.

Senator Taft of Ohio, who so strongly fears my tendency toward humanitarian governmental dreams, is in substantial agreement with me. On behalf of small business he has introduced a bill for Federal insurance of long-term loans by banks and insurance companies and of stocks held in the portfolios of investment trusts.

I can now companionably say to Senator Taft, "Follow idealist, welcome!"

My Point Three is governmental industrial research. Imagine the condition of agriculture if research into the treating of soils, raising of crops, breeding of animals, had been left to a handful of large farmers who could cover their discoveries with patents. We would not today have our steadily increasing number of family farms scientifically and effectively managed by small farmers with no research facilities of their own.

What has modernized them has been the research work of the United States Department of Agriculture and of our state agricultural colleges and universities.

I submit that the Department of Commerce should be empowered to do a similar work of research and education for enterprisers in commerce and industry.

Tax Relief Needed, Too

My last point is tax relief. Thousands of small business men who have grown suddenly from small size to medium size have had to pay over 70 per cent of their annual profits in taxation. Many a small business, honestly capitalized, cannot prepare for expansion because taxes hurt the little man with a big idea more than they hurt the big man with no idea.

I believe that American free enterprise is the best economic system in the world and should strive toward being even better.

I believe that the United States Government, just as it encouraged the Eastern wage-earner to become a Western property-owning farmer, should by newer and different methods similarly encourage every wage-earner who has it in him to rise from the bench of the employed artisan to the desk of the self-employed business man.

I shall governmentally plan toward that end as long as I have any governmental opportunity, and I shall urge such a course upon the people and upon their elected representatives in the Congress.

ANCIENT HISTORY

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Sweet Adeline" is now followed into the limbo of discarded songs by "We Won't Go Home Till Morning."

"The Best From Yank, the Army Weekly." (E. P. Dutton & Co., New York.)

What is undoubtedly one of this country's finest weekly magazines is never seen on downtown newsstands, has no door-to-door canvassers and accepts no civilian subscribers. This is Yank, the Army weekly, published by and for soldiers. A well-printed 24-page publication, it has 16 regional editions that cover the globe, with a vast circulation whose total is a military secret.

The home front doesn't see Yank, aside from copies sent home by soldiers and a few received by newspaper offices. Now the GI weekly's editors have decided that the people at home should get a glimpse of its contents. This generous and representative anthology of Yank's prose, poetry and art is the result of their enterprise. The weekly pin-up girls, camp news and occasional reports on home towns are the only regular features not included.

Yank's contributors are exclusively enlisted men and non-coms; officers and civilians are barred. (Mrs. Roosevelt once submitted an article, and was politely told it couldn't be accepted unless she became a Wac.) These restrictions give the magazine the true flavor of GI lingo—nothing fancy, sometimes rather shop-talky, but always accurate and sensitive reporting, with extravagant humor, salty speech and grim poetry mixed in.

Staff members of Yank get around amazingly. Sgt. Walter Peters was the only American correspondent on the murderous Schweinfurt raid, in which 60 Flying Fortresses were lost. Sgt. Dave Richardson won the Legion of Merit in New Guinea, and made a 500-mile march through Burma jungles with Merrill's Marauders. Sgt. Walter Bernstein was the first English-speaking correspondent to interview Marshal Tito. Sgts. George Aarons and Burgess Scott went from El Alamein to Tunis with the British. All their stories of war as the soldier sees it are top reporting.

The editors have wisely included samples of the paper's two highly popular departments, "Mail Call" and "What's Your Problem?" In the former, the soldier sounds off on any subject he likes, and the column is always a spirited one. In the latter, answers are given to the myriad problems about rotation, allotments and so on that bother the soldier. Here's one anguished query, in full: "Dear Yank: The name. Just look at it. Can I change it, Yank? Can I?—Pvt. Wolcott Zylberweig." Yank says, "Sure," and tells how.

There are also short stories, poetry, sketches and cartoons, some of uneven quality, and exceptional photographs. And all through the volume is the living, breathing close-up of the American soldier, as few civilian correspondents or letters from APO numbers can record it. It's a grand book for telling the home front about what's happening to these 8,000,000 or so members of its family now in Army uniform.

FERD GOTTLEB.

A St. Louisan's Book on Mexico

"How About Mexico?" by Elizabeth Parks Bright. (Chapman & Grimes, Boston.)

Americans looking southward for post-war automobile travel to our good neighbor, Mexico, will find Mrs. Bright's book informative, descriptive and also a guide. It recommends to the reader many of the most interesting and historic places to visit in that country. The author, a native St. Louisan, has written this book, her first one, in an amusing and chatty style and as a complete surprise to her husband and acquaintances, thus proving, to quote Mrs. Bright, that "a woman can keep a secret."

DOROTHY THOMPSON

Problems After Germany's Finish

CAIRO.

HITLER said in "Mein Kampf" that Germany would either be a world power or she would not be. In this case, Hitler was prophetic. Germany as a great power is finished.

It took Rome generations to extinguish Carthage. Germany has been extinguished as a factor in world history in two wars in one generation. But Rome's victory over Carthage was the end struggle of a whole series of wars, the elimination of which with the fall of Carthage left Rome the sole world power.

This war will end with the United States immeasurably strong in terms of economic and technological strength and war capacity, but without a clear political concept of what to do with her power in world terms and with the Soviet Union the most obvious victor of the struggle.

Difference in Perspective.

Every world question takes on a different aspect according to the latitude wherefrom it is viewed. From any point in Europe, San Francisco seems far away.

Italy, like Germany, is one vast demolition. France is weak, as it has been since 1870. Small states of the West must lean upon Britain and small states of Eastern Europe live by the grace of the Soviet Union.

These are the realities that express themselves in the structure of the new world organization, with all its power in the Security Council of the Great Powers. And they themselves are unusual.

The collapse of Germany leaves the Polish question unsolved to anyone's satisfaction except the Soviets, and unsolved in more ways than one. Yalta left open the question of Poland's Western frontiers, namely, how much of Germany will fall to Poland, and by way of Poland, to the power orbit of the Soviet. That is a matter likely to be solved, as so many others, by fait accompli.

Russia's Growing Power.

What the Russians want is to subvert Poland to have the Russian armies are likely to take, and will anyone gainsay them? Seldom, if ever, has an already vast nation so extended power in a single war as the Soviet Union has in this one. By degrees of friendly governments, it promises to fall not only to all the pre-1914 empire, but also to pre-1914.

MARQUIS CHILDS

Failures in Dealing With War Crimes

THE accusation brought against the State Department by Herbert Claiborne Pell deserves more consideration than it has received.

Part of the blame for the German atrocities that have so shocked the world Pell puts on the State Department. Coming from a former member of the War Crimes Commission, that is no mere shot in the dark.

Pell, a man of position and prestige, has a long European experience, including two important diplomatic posts. He speaks out of sober knowledge and a realization of the dangers inherent in a policy of drift.

Where Responsibility Lies.

As the American member of the War Crimes Commission, Pell worked with representatives of our allies to define war crimes and to fix adequate punishment. The commission in London did a thorough job. Aware of the awful threat to millions of human beings at the mercy of the Nazis, the group provided penalties ranging from imprisonment up to death for a series of crimes.

The commission itself, of course, did not have the power to put out this international criminal code in behalf of the nations represented on the commission. What it could and did do was to recommend that the various foreign offices take over at this point and inform the world that war criminals would be punished in terms of a code agreed upon by the Allies.

But nothing happened. The Foreign Office in London and the State Department in Washington sat on the recommendations.

Failure by Two Powers.

Pell returned to America in an effort to get action. It was already very late, since clearly the Germans would become more brutal as they became more fearful of their position in Europe. A tottering dictatorship is always more cruel than one that is securely entrenched.

From the late President Roosevelt, Pell received every assurance of support. In the face of this assurance, he was told at the State Department that he was to be dropped from the commission because Congress would not appropriate \$30,000 for its work. At about the same time, the

ALTON MAN HONORED FOR PILLBOX ATTACK

St. Louis Pilot Gets D. F. C. for Low-Level Missions—Other Decorations.

Pvt. Lee E. Walters, husband of Mrs. Elsie Walters, 208 West Seventh street, Alton, has been awarded the Silver Star for exposing himself many times to enemy fire to bombard Jap pillboxes and gun emplacements with 75 mm. shells from an assault gun, a dispatch from Luzon announced.

Capt. Eugene M. Seitz, 28 years old, pilot of a B-29 Superfortress, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for low-level night missions against Japanese industrial targets between March 9 and 19, a dispatch from the Twenty-first Bomber Command announced.

Here, at the crossroads of the world in the Middle East, these new power factors overweigh all words spoken at the San Francisco conference. Here where historic ruins record the course of world empires, leaving memories of the Pharaohs, Rome, the Ottoman Empire and Napoleon, the question on every tongue is, What will the next generation record in the Middle East as to Russia, Britain and the United States, the three great victors of this war?

Ambitions of Big Powers. Signs that Russia is not uninterested in the Islamic world are innumerable and are to be found in places one least expects.

Baiting knows exactly her stake in Africa and the Mediterranean. The United States has the immeasurable good will accorded an idealistic, yet most efficient, nation whose material strength is formidably visible everywhere. Yet what the people see, and every American soldier sees, is what seems to be a peculiar disparity between this physical strength and moral prestige and the actual political influence on world events.

Thus San Francisco is watched not in expectation of the honest solidarity of the Big Three, but with the question of what moral and political concepts backed by power will emerge to direct the new epoch.

How influential will the United States be? The hope of the people everywhere is in America. They will be right, but their confidence is shot through with doubt.

British member of the commission, Sir Cecil Hurst, resigned. He had had no more success than Pell in persuading the Foreign Office to accept the commission's recommendations.

No nothing was done. Notice was not served on the enemy that the guilty would be punished. Of course, this would not have prevented the holocaust of brutality that has swept Germany. But Pell says, and with good reason, that many individuals might have been deterred from acts of mass savagery if they had been informed that it meant certain death.

As it was, the Nazis knew that the individual governments had failed to act on the recommendations of the War Crimes Commission.

This failure leaves a serious gap in our German policy. There is an embarrassing zone of doubt at the moment when our military commanders should proceed under agreed-upon rules.

Russia Has a Code. It might be necessary to pass sentence on a half-million or more men—possibly all of the Gestapo, together with the SS. But how much better to be able to fix the guilt and assess the punishment! That would make the approach to the jungle of Germany today so much simpler.

Pell points to the contrast with Russia. The Russians, never so naive as to talk about a "hard" or a "soft" peace, have acted on a clearly defined code which has already brought many German criminals to trial and punishment. Having established the Free German Committee and drawn the line between criminals and non-criminals, they are going ahead on a policy that makes sense.

Naturally that impresses the people of liberated countries. If Soviet retribution is swift and sure while we continue to waver, then, as Pell points out, tortured Europeans will chalk up another score for Russian realism.

Is it any wonder that German soldiers and civilians came flocking to our lines to try to surrender? Quite apart from Goebbels' propaganda against Russia, the Nazis have never heard anything from us about punishment.

They were married Aug. 17, 1932, and separated June 1, 1943.

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Honored for War Service



SEITZ BAKULA VOGEL O'FALLON



BIXBY SPRING-MEYER STEPANO-VIC MEYER

wounds suffered in action in Germany April 12, his wife, Mrs. Maude Springmeyer, 4493 Penrose street, has been notified. He is the son of Mrs. Martha Springmeyer, 4712 Beacon avenue.

Sgt. Loren R. Peistrup, 23, ordnance repairman, has received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action Nov. 29 in Belgium. His mother, Mrs. Jacqueline Peistrup, lives at 4006A Palm street.

Sgt. Walter L. Sunderman, 27, an infantryman, has received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action in Germany last December. He has been returned to this country for further hospitalization. His wife, Mrs. Frances B. Sunderman, lives at 1891 Grand avenue, Granite City.

Pfc. George F. Brennan, 33, recently honorably discharged from the service, was awarded the Purple Heart at a ceremony at St. Louis last week. Davenport, who served in an engineer unit of the Fifth Army in Italy, was wounded Jan. 21, 1944, and received a medical discharge last September. He now lives at 51 West drive, East Alton.

Pfc. Walter H. Feldmann, 29, a cavalryman, has received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the Philippines, according to an Army dispatch from Luzon. He is the son of Mrs. Bertha K. Eoff, both of 2710 South Grand boulevard.

Tech. Sgt. Gerald A. Vogel, 22, member of a B-29 ground crew, has received the Bronze Star, a dispatch from the Twenty-first Bomber Command announced. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Vogel, 3234A Corn.

Staff Sgt. Joseph N. Dekold Jr., member of an airborne hospital surgical team, has received the Bronze Star for combat achievement on Luzon, a dispatch from the Twenty-first Bomber Command announced. His parents live at 4031 Schiller place.

Second Lt. Raymond F. Meyer, 21, son of Edmund F. Meyer, 8827 Burton avenue, Overland, has been decorated with the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster. He is pilot of a Flying Fortress based in England.

Second Lt. William K. Bixby, 20, Mustang fighter-pilot stationed in England, has been decorated with the Air Medal, the Eighth Air Force has announced. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Bixby, 7 Upper Ladue road, Clayton.

Staff Sgt. Donald P. Hale, 20, gunner on an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress in England, has been awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hale, 3067 Albany street, Alton, and his wife, Mrs. Dora F. Hale, lives at 524 Washington avenue, East Alton.

Lt. Robert Bakula, 25, Flying Fortress pilot, was previously mentioned as a recipient of the Air Medal. He is the husband of Mrs. Mary Rita Bakula, 1437 Laurel street, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bakula, 4342 Connecticut street.

Tech. Sgt. Lawrence M. O'Fallon, 26, mechanic-gunner on a Superfortress, was previously reported as receiving the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. O'Fallon, 7008 Sutherland avenue, and is in this country awaiting reassignment.

Lt. Frederick C. Springmeyer, 24, field artilleryman, has been awarded the Purple Heart for

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SCHOOL GROUP SPLIT OVER COTE BRILLIANTE

Instruction Committee, However, Accepts Proposal for Building's Use by Negroes.

The Instruction Committee of the Board of Education accepted by a split vote last night the recommendation of Superintendent of Instruction Philip J. Hickey that the Cote Brillante School, 2616 Corn avenue, be opened as a Negro grade school.

In the absence of the third member of the committee, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, who was out of town, the remaining two members, Dr. Herbert O. Winterer and Fred H. Beck, divided on the issue. Winterer favoring adoption of the recommendation and Beck dissenting.

As Winterer is chairman of the committee, the majority report will approve the conversion while Beck announced he would file a minority report suggesting that the Washington School, 1131 North Euclid avenue, be opened to Negroes in the area served by the Washington School.

Beck cited the recent removal of restrictions on the sale of property to Negroes in the area served by the Washington School as prompting his decision. He also called attention to the restrictions still existing in much of the Cote Brillante district and the opposition of such institutions as churches, the DePaul Hospital and McBride High School.

The vote came at the conclusion of a detailed explanation with figures presented by Hickey showing the overcrowded condition of adjacent Negro schools in the neighborhood and the capacity of the nearby white schools to absorb the children remaining in the Cote Brillante district. He found 1331 Negro and 434 white public school children within the boundaries of the Cote Brillante district.

The school is situated on the dividing line between a predominantly white district on the north and a predominantly Negro district on the southeast. One board member remarked, "If the school were two blocks south and two blocks east, there would be no controversy."

In his monthly report Hickey informed the committee that approximately half of the public school children had been examined for scalp ringworm. Out of 44,253 white children, 207 positive cases were found while the figures for Negroes were 8030 examined with 335 cases reported. Laboratory tests to determine whether the spores are of the type which affects humans or that which affects animals have not been completed.

Col. Brown, who entered service three years ago, served for a year before May, 1943, as senior consultant in plastic maxillo-facial surgery and burns in the European theater. His wife and two children live at 4944 Lindell boulevard. He is 44 years old, and maintained offices in the Metropolitan Building.

Mrs. Ida Frieda Flebbe Funeral. Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Frieda Flebbe, who died yesterday at Bethesda Hospital following a long illness, will be at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Oscar J. Hoffmeister undertaking establishment, 4016 Chippewa street, with interment at Lakeview Park Cemetery. Mrs. Flebbe was 49 years old. Surviving are her husband, Albert E. Flebbe, 3616A Dover place, president of United Bakers' Supply Co.; a daughter, Miss June Flebbe, and a sister, Mrs. Carrie Gewinner, Kimmswick.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

THE Duke and Duchess of Baden have arrived from El Salvador, where the Duke, a grandee, holds the post of Spanish minister, for a visit with their daughter, Miss Marie Sol Caverio-Ballen, a student at Grady School of Laboratory and X-Ray Technique. With their two sons, Juan Manuel and Jaime Caverio-Ballen, and their daughter, they are spending a month at Hotel Coronado.

Among those who have entertained the visitors since their arrival two weeks ago are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Benoit, 4931 Pershing avenue, with whom they became acquainted several years ago in Europe. The Benois were host and hostess at a cocktail party at their home. Other parties include a luncheon given Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Norris B. Gregg Jr., 36 Westmoreland place, a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hickenlooper, 4545 Maryland avenue, and a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lannan Benoit, 4937 Laclede avenue.

Mrs. Guerin A. Bernardin, who left St. Louis about a month ago to join her husband, a lieutenant (jg), at New Orleans, La., has gone with him to Miami, Fla., where he is to be stationed for a month. When Lt. Bernardin departs for active duty, Mrs. Bernardin, the former Miss Margaret Ann Imbs, and her young son, Guerin Jr., will return to St. Louis, where they will again be the guests of Mrs. Bernardin's father, A. V. Imbs, 18 Fordyce lane.

To Arrive From East. MISS MARGARET LILLIAN BEBIE, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Bebie, 4207 Magnolia avenue, will arrive Friday from New York to complete plans for her marriage to Lt. (jg) John Seabury Thompson, U. S. N. R. The wedding will take place, probably next week, at the Bebie home, and will be followed by a reception.

Lt. Thompson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson of Princeton, N. J., has asked his brother, James Thompson, to be best man. Dr. Thompson, a professor in an American University in China, will be unable to be present. Mrs. Thompson and her son will arrive next week. Also here for the wedding will be the Bebies' son, Hans Bebie, of Baltimore, Md.

Sgt. Frederick W. Lehmann, U.S.A., has returned from overseas duty and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sears Lehmann, 228 Westgate avenue. He will be here until Sunday when he will report for further orders.

Mrs. R. A. Wellman has returned to her home in Cleveland, O., after spending part of the spring season as the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Orthwein II. Beverly place, Mrs. Wellman visited here for three weeks.

Maj. Theodore Middleton Simmons has departed for Washington, D. C., to await reassignment, after visiting Mrs. Simmons and their two children at the home of her father, Louis Nicolaus, 4499 Lindell boulevard. Maj. Simmons, who was overseas for nearly a year, was in St. Louis for a month.

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YANK FINDS NAZI ART LOOT REPORTED WORTH \$10,000,000

WITH THE U. S. FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, May 2 (AP).—A collection of art treasures reported to be valued at 10 million dollars, which the Germans looted from museums in Florence, Rome and other cities, was recovered by an Eighty-third Division investigator yesterday in a village near Vicenza.

An Italian patriot provided the tip, and the investigator arrested a lieutenant in the Italian S. S. The loot was found shortly after ward hidden in a church.

Packed in 23 cases, the collection included sculpture works of Donatello and Giovanni da Bologna, an almost priceless set of Hebraic silver pieces, and an ancient coin collection.

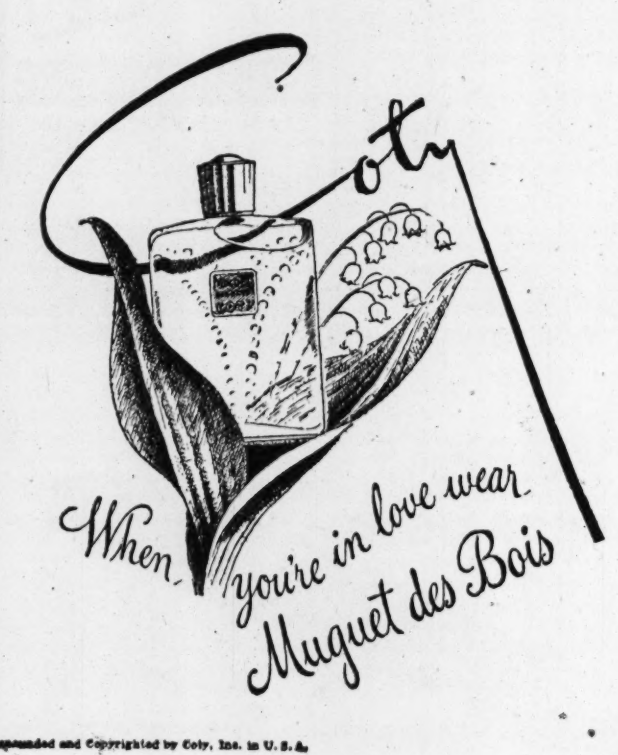
JULIA M. KERBY SEEKS DIVORCE

Mrs. Julia M. Kerby, a captain in the Women's Army Corps at Camp Hood, Tex., filed suit for divorce in Circuit Court here yesterday against Damon Kerby, a member of the Post-Dispatch staff. She alleged general indignities.

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By W. J. McGoogan
Of the Post-Dispatch Sports Staff

PITTSBURGH, May 2—A sixth inning which produced three runs on four hits gave the Cardinals a 4-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates here this afternoon in the first game of a doubleheader. It was the third straight triumph for the World Champions and was the first game they had won from the Pirates in 11 starts, since they finished last season by losing nine games to and tying one with Pittsburgh, giving the Pirates a 1944 record of 12 victories over and 10 losses to the Redbirds, the only team in the league to win a season's series from the Champions.

Harry Brecheen, slender southpaw, gained his second victory of the year as he held the Pirates to seven safeties. He was helped by double plays in the first and second innings.

The Cardinals treated Bopper Ball Rip Sewell rather roughly, pounding him for 1 1/2 hours and four runs during the eight innings he worked.

Ken O'Dea led the attack with three safeties in five tries, getting a double and two singles, but it was Augie Bergano and Johnny Hopp who drove in the important runs in the sixth.

In that inning, with the score tied at one all, Mallory singled with one out and stopped at second on Verban's hit. Brecheen followed to O'Brien, then Bergano shot a double to right, scoring Mallory and putting Verban on third. Hopp scored them both with his second single.

Schoendienst doubled in the first inning with two out, hitting one of Sewell's bloopers to left. He scored on Sanders' single.

The Pirates got that run back in their half on a triple by Barrett and O'Brien's single. After Sewell had opened the third with a single, Brecheen turned back 13 straight batters. It wasn't until the ninth inning the Pirates were able to get another run. O'Brien singled to start that frame and Russell doubled him home.

The day was one the best for baseball the Cardinals have experienced. The sun was shining, it was rather cool, however, and only about 6000 attended.

After a single game tomorrow afternoon, the Redbirds return home to face the Cubs Saturday and Sunday before beginning their first eastern trip of the year.

FIRST INNING—CARDINALS—Coscarart tossed out Bergano. Hopp popped a bloop ball to Dahlgren. Sewell tried the same ploy to Schoendienst and Al doubled down the left field line. Sanders singled to right, scoring Schoendienst. Sanders was picked off first, Lopez to Dahlgren. **ONE RUN.**

Pirates—Coscarart drove a long fly deep to Hopp. Barrett tripled off the right field screen. O'Brien singled to center, scoring Barrett. Elliott hit into a double play, Brecheen to Verban to Sanders. **ONE RUN.**

SECOND—CARDINALS—Kurovski singled to center. O'Dea singled to right. Kurovski stopped at second. Mallory bunted but forced Kurovski, Lopez to Elliott. Verban flied to Russell. Coscarart threw out Brecheen.

Pirates—Russell was safe at first on Schoendienst's high throw. Dahlgren struck out. Gleason singled to right, sending Russell to third. Lopez lined to Verban and Gustine was doubled off first. Verban to Sanders.

THIRD—CARDINALS—Bergano flied to center. Hopp singled to right. Schoendienst sacrificed, Sewell to Dahlgren. Sanders walked. Kurovski struck out.

Pirates—Sewell singled through the box. Coscarart struck out. Barrett flied to Hopp. O'Brien forced Sewell, Schoendienst unassisted.

FOURTH—CARDINALS—O'Dea hit one of Sewell's bloopers for a double over third. Mallory struck out. Verban flied to Hopp. Brecheen walked. Bergano was called out on strikes.

Pirates—Schoendienst threw out Elliott. Russell flied to Mallory. Kurovski threw out Dahlgren.

FIFTH—CARDINALS—Hopp flied to Russell. Schoendienst singled to right. Sanders lined to Russell. Kurovski flied to Russell.

Pirates—Gustine tapped to Brecheen and was thrown out. Kurovski threw out Lopez. Sewell struck out.

SIXTH—CARDINALS—O'Dea flied to O'Brien. Mallory singled to left. Verban flied to center. Sewell's glove, Mallory stopped at second. Brecheen flied to O'Brien. Bergano doubled against the wall in right, scoring Mallory. Verban stopped at third. Hopp singled to center, scoring Verban and Bergano. Schoendienst grounded out to Dahlgren, unassisted. **THREE RUNS.**

Pirates—Coscarart struck out. Barrett popped to Schoendienst. O'Brien flied to Mallory.

SEVENTH—CARDINALS—Sanders doubled to right-center. Kurovski walked. O'Dea popped to Lopez in front of the plate. Mallory forced Kurovski, Gustine to Coscarart. Coscarart threw out Verban.

Pirates—Elliott popped to Schoendienst in short left. Russell walked. Dahlgren fouled to O'Dea. Gustine lined to Hopp.

EIGHTH—CARDINALS—Gustine threw out Brecheen. Bergano flied to O'Brien. Hopp flied to Barrett.

Pirates—Schoendienst threw out Lopez. Barnhart batted for Sewell and popped a double in right. Kurovski threw out Coscarart. Barnhart holding second. Barrett flied to Hopp.

NINTH—CARDINALS—Gerheuser pitched for the Pirates. Coscarart threw out Schoendienst. Gerheuser threw out Sanders. Kurovski walked. O'Dea singled to left for his third hit. Ger-

AT LAST!

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bergano	4	1	1	0	0	0
Hopp	4	1	1	0	0	0
Schoendienst	4	1	1	0	0	0
Kurovski	4	1	1	0	0	0
Sanders	4	1	1	0	0	0
Mallory	4	1	1	0	0	0
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PITTSBURGH, May 2—Right-handed pitcher Max Buerger for the Pirates was the starting pitcher in the second game of the doubleheader between the teams here this afternoon. Del Rice was behind the bat for the Redbirds.

Link Is Leader in Junior Pin Classic

Ray Link, aided by a handicap of 210 pins, is leading in the second annual junior eight-game bowling classic at the Kaley Recreation. Frank Wesley is second with 1654, followed by Ed Crawford 1636 and Morris Greenberg 1629. Greenberg had a scratch total of 1805, while Max Shoffner has the high single to date, 286.

The tourney will continue for the next two week ends.

The annual mixed doubles handicap tourney at the Bevo Recreation will be held Saturday and Sunday. The entry fee is \$4 a team and handicaps will be 60 per cent from 380. Nine squads are scheduled to roll Saturday and 14 on Sunday. For information call Flanders 9434 or Hudson 3942.

District Track Meet

Finals Set for May 11
Announcement was made today that the district high school track and field championships will be held the evening of May 11 at Public High School Stadium, with the preliminaries the afternoons of May 8 and 9.

The finals in the discus and shot put will be run only in conjunction with the preliminaries since the officials of the meet do not wish to have these events contested under the lights.

East St. Louis and Beaumont Nines Tie

East St. Louis and Beaumont High School played to a 2-2 tie in five innings in a game on the East St. Louis field, yesterday afternoon. In another East Side contest, Central Catholic shut out Madison, 8-0.

Hole in One for Jim Cochran.

Jim Cochran, St. Louis golfer, made a 210-yard hole-in-one on the third green at Normandie, according to Bob Morse, pro at Normandie Golf Club. He used a No. 3 iron and was playing with Bill Bentley, Henry Ruger and Jim Willhuser. Jim is a brother of Bob Cochran, one of the district's leading amateurs.

Pro Softball Tryouts for Girls.
Girl softball players in this area will have an opportunity to try out for places on teams in the All-America Professional League at Sherman Park Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4. Benny Meyer, former big league player, will have charge of the tryouts. He is manager of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) team, new member of the circuit.

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WRAV'S COLUMN

Turf Tangle May Need a Traffic Cop.

KENTUCKY DERBY entries will soon be announced. But the same can't be said concerning the date of the Derby itself. . . . Originally set for next Saturday, the highly publicized feature can hardly take place sooner than one month hence, even if V-E day becomes official soon.

In fact, the blackout of the pari-mutuel business last January threw a wrench into racing resumption plans not only in Kentucky but everywhere. . . . The Preakness, usually run a week after the Derby, also is in the doghouse as to its date. As time passes and racing still can't resume, it appears that the good old business of separating the public from 10 per cent of its bankroll without giving anything in return will need a traffic cop to give it the green light.

The congestion will be colossal. If the present blackout lasts until midsummer, race meetings and famous stables will be in conflict everywhere. . . . And if all the delayed spring and early summer tracks should elect to start up in competition with the regular summer and fall events, the tangle may require a Solomon, in the role of High Commissioner, to unravel it.

And, likely, there won't be enough horses in training to take care of all tracks. . . . At least not for many weeks business will not be "as usual."

No Form for the One-A-Minute Boys.

TO ADD to the complexities of the coming season—if come racing—when racing resumes there won't be a vestige of "form" available. . . . The three-year-old situation will be beyond even guessing, for some time. . . . With no winter and spring competition to furnish preliminary tests, the two-year-olds will be as unpredictable as the lineups of next October's world series teams.

Advance information on Derby candidates is scanty, except for a few who have been given intensive preparation at Churchill Downs, the historic Derby course and at two or three other courses. . . . One such horse is the 1944 unbeaten juvenile, Free For All, who has been undoubtedly won to the post favorite if the race were held next Saturday, as originally scheduled.

But the Derby, when it is run, will be just a guess for want of "past performance" form. The Derby winner of 1945

is likely to drop out of the clouds, even with Favot, Free For All, Pot of Luck and other stars of last year starting.

America's Bane Is Mexico's Boon.

WHEN they looked the gates on racing in the United States they played right into the hands of Mexico where the Hipodromo de las Americas and Tijuana mutual leagues have been burning out bearings taking care of the business. . . . Capacity attendances have been attracted to the Mexico City track on stake days.

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Tops in Mexico

GAY DALTON, grandson of Man o' War (American Flag-Trainer), recently won the 31st Agua Caliente race at Mexico City. In his winning sequence he set a track record and carried as high as 136 pounds for distances from seven to 10 furlongs.

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Browns' Flag-Raising Game Tonight; Indians To Have Ross on Third

Manager Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians, trailers in the current American League pennant chase with only two victories against seven defeats, probably will use a new batting order in the Browns' pennant-raising game at Sportsman's Park tonight, weather conditions permitting. The program, the same as the one postponed last night, is scheduled to begin at 7:45 o'clock.

The change in the Indians' batting front will come at third base. Don Ross, obtained from Detroit with Dutch Meyer for Roy Cullenbine, has changed his mind and will report to Boudreau in time to play in tonight's game.

Third base is one of the positions which has been giving Boudreau trouble. For the past several years, the team has had Ken Keltner, one of the best in the business the hot corner, but he was induced into the Navy and is now playing for his former teammate, Bobby Feller. Cullenbine, an outfielder, was tried at the position and failed and then the job was given to Rube Wheeler. And now it will be Ross.

Manager Luke Sewell, whose Browns at this time last year, had won nine consecutive games and now own a 4-3 record, has announced that he will use Nelson Potter, ace of the 1944 staff, on the hill in the flag-raising contest, while it will be Southpaw Al Smith or Allie Reynolds, a right-hander, for the Indians.

Senator A. B. (Happy) Chandler, newly-named commissioner of baseball, will take part in the ceremonies, along with President Will Harridge of the American League Gov. Phil M. Donnelly, Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann, President Alva Bradley of the Cleveland Indians, President Donald L. Barnes of the Browns and Leslie O'Connor of the commissioner's office.

A big supporting show has been planned by the Citizens' Committee sponsoring the game, including a one-inning exhibition under the rules of the 1880's, when the Browns won four straight American Association pennants.

Rings will be presented to each member of the 1944 champion Browns, commemorating the city's first American League pennant, and a recording by Bing Crosby, prepared especially for the occasion, will be heard over the public address system.

All tickets for last night's game will be sold tonight. No exchange is necessary.

Rafrerys Play Eagles Sunday
The Rafrerys, St. Louis' representatives in the U. S. S. F. A. open cup competition, will meet the Croatian Eagles of Milwaukee in a Western quarterfinal match at Walsh Stadium, next Sunday afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock. A match for the Police Juvenile title, between First and Fifth Districts, will serve as the preliminary.

The winner of the Rafrerys-Eagles match will meet the Chicago survivor.

Baksi Meets Lane.
CHICAGO, May 2 (AP).—Joe Baksi, the Kulpmont (Pa.) coal miner currently ranked sixth among the nation's heavyweights, and formerly listed as number 1 title contender, will try to take a step back toward that rating tonight when he meets Harry Lane of Trenton, N. J., in a 10-round main event bout at the Coliseum. Baksi, who expects to weigh in at 210 pounds—a 20-pound advantage over the Trenton puncher—was favored.

Yesterday's Results.
AMERICAN LEAGUE. Batteries: Haynes and Tresh; Wilson, Mueller and Swift. Boston, 5-10-1, Washington 4-0. Detroit, 6-0-0, Philadelphia 3-0-0. Chicago, 5-0-0, Cleveland 3-0-0. St. Louis, 4-0-0, New York 3-0-0. Philadelphia, 3-0-0, Pittsburgh 3-0-0.

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YOU loll on the sandy seashore
here and watch the P-38s and
the P-51s and the thunderous
B-25s and even a lumbering Black
Cat buzz the beach for fun, a

practically no altitude at all. And you get a feeling of mania (very much as the Japs must have had) in the days when the Great South Bay, the Long Island Sound, the Atlantic Ocean had a going-concern value—back there before Guadcanal and Tarawa and before those months of the New Year and the Guinea campaigns. Back before Pearl Harbor began to be avenged in the Coral Sea and off Midway and before the Japs were long before Leyte and Manila and before the Japs were long before the Ryukus.

Iwo Jima and the Ryukus.

Way back, when the Japs owned the air and the water and most of the land and in the Pacific, and were creeping down the Kokodas Trail onto Port Moresby, and the Japs were preparing for the worst, and the too bad.

Aribu's strategy were a shock.

string and a vengeful resolution and a corporal's guard of heroes. You lie here baking, just outside the combers' reach, in a sun that is gentled by the cooling breeze, and you watch the Lightningnings with their deceptive puns and the sprinting Mustangs and those loud and lethal Billy Mitch-

ells. And here where the Jap
were in control as lately as last
January you close your eyes and
doze as unconcerned as though
the enemy were not still clawing
desperately in his trap a score
or two miles away.

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May Fight Long Time.
HE may fight on for a long time
before his empire and his

homeland are completely taken. He may fight on even in the full knowledge that nothing is to be gained thereby but a lengthening of the death throes of his gaudy dreams. A great many fine American boys—and the more you see of them out here the more

respect you have for them—may lose their lives before the Japs conclude in their unfathomable wisdom that their sufferings have adequately expiated the worst blunder in the history of mankind and that surrender is preferable to extinction.

But here along this tropical strand the smell of victory is strong. Sit in, nearby, on the

briefing of Lightning pilots for a routine run to the China coast and back. There is little tension among these lads who are about to leave on perhaps an eight-hour mission in those dainty single-seaters that carry more weight of gasoline than the total weight of a Jap fighter.

The pilots seem more interested in the report that a Mustang had accidentally dropped a couple of bombs at the end of the airstrip (the bombs didn't go off) than in the fact that they must fly over hundreds of miles of ocean and hostile shoreline.

"The chances along here are damned seldom," says the briefing officer, pointing to a sector strongly held by the Japs. The other fellow may get knocked off but not I. The B-25s are having some rough times but this is easy for us.

Major Goes for Ride.
MAJ. GEORGE LAVEN, San

171 Antonia, Tex., who is attached to group headquarters and not to the squadron at all, decides suddenly at the briefing that he'll go along for the ride, and hops into a jeep to get h3 gear. He already has four Jap flags painted on his P-38, and a patched-over flak hole here and there. He doesn't have to make the long, cramped, lonesome trip. But there is a gleam in his eye.

No, these fellows are in a different mood from what must have been that of the pilots on Bataan and Java and Australia and Guinea in the early days, when the Japs had the whip hand and every mission was a desperate one.

Flying still has its dangers over these waters, but today the assignment is to exploit a growing

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Soft Coal Prices Up 10 to 55 Cents A Ton in City Under OPA Order

Largest Increase Is on Arkansas, Oklahoma Fuel—Action Passes on to Consumer Rise Granted Producers.

Soft coal prices to St. Louis consumers today were increased 10 to 55 cents a ton by an Office of Price Administration order which passes on to consumers the price increases granted the producers yesterday.

The largest increase comes in coal mined in producing District 14, Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma, which will be sold for 55 cents a ton more in St. Louis, the full amount of the producers' increase. Retail selling prices on this coal are fixed at a set mark-up from the producers' ceiling.

On other coal sold in St. Louis a flat retail price is set by the OPA. The new prices will include the following increases in cents per ton, varying according to the area in which the coal is mined: District 1, central Pennsylvania, Maryland and a part of West Virginia—strip mines no increase, deep mines 20 cents; District 7, part of West Virginia and Virginia—25 cents; District 8, southern West Virginia and Tennessee and North Carolina—15 cents; District 10, Illinois—underground mines using hand loading into trucks and not situated on a railroad, 20 cents, and other mines, 10 cents; and District 11, Indiana—underground mines using hand loading

into trucks and not on a railroad, 20 cents, and strip mines, 10 cents.

18 Illinois Mines Idle in Confusion Over New Contracts

CHICAGO, May 2 (AP)—About 18 Illinois mines employing more than 6000 miners remained idle today in a work stoppage over lack of new contracts under their new contracts.

Fred S. Wilkey, secretary of the Illinois coal operators, said at least seven United Mine Workers mines were idle in Franklin County, one at Dowell, the Peabody Coal Co. No. 24 mine at Danville, and two Peabody mines at Springfield. These mines employ at least 4000 men.

Meanwhile, seven mines of the Progressive Mine Workers, employing almost 2000, remained idle in Saline County. The work stoppage had been extended until midnight last Monday, and late Monday final Federal approval was given a new contract. Back to work orders were sent from state headquarters, but in some cases failed to reach the miners in time. UMW headquarters said.

A PMW headquarters spokesman said yesterday idleness of some PMW mines resulted because the men did not under-

stand that their present contract had been extended until May 15.

WLB Fights at U. S. Seizure of Anthracite Mines.
WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Government seizure of the anthracite mines was today being fought by the United Mine Workers.

The War Labor Board hinted it would ask for Presidential intervention, and Interior Secretary Ickes said, "I'm ready to take over." "It is urgent that production should be immediately resumed," WLB told miners and operators yesterday. "Any sustained interruption in the production of anthracite coal would adversely affect the prosecution of the war."

The board called a hearing to order continued production under an extension of the hard coal contract which expired Monday. Operators agreed to contract extension but asked that it be limited to 30 days to restrict the eventual liability of operators to make retractive pay increases. Union representatives said a scale committee in New York would have to decide the union's position.

EISENHOWER MOVES YANKS, LETS FRENCH HAVE STUTTGART

PARIS, May 2 (AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower turned Stuttgart over to the French Fifth Army yesterday, announcing the United States Seventh Army had moved its headquarters elsewhere, but left unanswered the question whether troops would be sent to the city. The French Fifth Army had moved its headquarters elsewhere, but left unanswered the question whether troops would be sent to the city.

The French were asked to move out but refused to do so. After discussions, Eisenhower decided to allow the French to remain.

ST. LOUISAN'S PLAY DOWN KILLED 50 JAPANESE

Lt. Gideon E. Russell Jr. Tells of Enemy Counterattack on Cebu.

Lt. Gideon E. Russell Jr., 6432 Hobart avenue, Wellston, has found Japanese on Cebu Islands in the Philippines "much easier to kill" than on Bougainville, an Army dispatch said today.

Russell's rifle platoon was credited with killing 50 Japs during a counter-attack by enemy forces on Cebu.

"The attack started early in the evening and lasted through the night," he said. "Japs threw knee mortars, nambu and 90-millimeter mortars at us. They got into one of my squad's positions, and it wasn't until early morning that we could see well enough to clean them out. I found one dead Jap alongside my foxhole, and another on the parapet."

Russell said the first assault wave that landed on Burias Island. His regiment spearheaded the drive on Cebu from the island capital until the city was taken 30 hours later. He was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry and the Purple Heart for wounds.

Prague, Czechoslovakia, an Army dispatch related today. Lt. Byers is the son of Mrs. Mabel Glazier, 1225 Waldron avenue, University City, and the husband of Mrs. Muriel E. Byers, of Regina, Sask., Canada. Lt. Kunz is the son of Mrs. Louise Kunz of 4444 Greer avenue.

Col. M. E. Glaser, husband of Mrs. Doris E. Glaser, 4032A West Florissant avenue, has been named supply chief for the Central Air Depot Area for Allied air forces in France, an Army dispatch said. Col. Glaser handled supplies in North Africa and Sicily and was deputy director of supply for the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces in England before his appointment to his new post.

Three St. Louisans, members of a St. Louis team that is among the first to reach Santo Tomas prison camp in Manila during the early part of the fighting to free the city, have received silver loving cups and letters of commendation from prisoners whom they liberated, another Army dispatch said.

The St. Louisans were Lt. Jean F. Kallmayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kallmayer, 3825 Humphrey street; Col. Roy J. Melton Jr., 20 years old, the husband of Mrs. Betty Melton, 9009 Argyle avenue; and Capt. Victor Sirna, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sirna, 4720 Cote Brilliante avenue.

Mrs. Melton said her husband sent a clipping from a newspaper published by his army unit, which contained a presentation ceremony in which the tank group was given a large gold loving cup.

Three St. Louisans are members of a 105-millimeter howitzer battalion of the 929th Field Artillery Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division, a dispatch announced today. The group: Eugene Camden, 1308 Dillon drive; Pvt. Joseph Cherry, 2307 University street, and Pfc. Clyde A. Huskey, 4106 Russell boulevard.

TIME FOR MAJOR ASSAULT NEAR GEN. RICHARDSON SAYS AFTER VISITING M'ARTHUR

HONOLULU, May 2 (AP).

Lt. GEN. ROBERT C. RICHARDSON JR., commanding general, Pacific Ocean Areas, declared today, after returning from a conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, that the Pacific war has entered a new phase which soon will call for a major assault on the Japanese empire.

It was the first conference between the two generals since MacArthur was named to command all army forces in the Pacific. Richardson has maintained headquarters here, under the over-all Pacific Ocean command of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

"The success of the campaign will depend on the intimate co-ordination of the great powers of the Army, Navy and Air Forces," Richardson said.

ORGANIZER OF U. S. RANGERS KILLED IN ACTION IN ITALY

FORT SMITH, Ark., May 2 (AP)—Col. William O. Darby, 34 years old, organizer of the American Rangers, has been killed in action.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Darby of Fort Smith, received notification from the War Department that Col. Darby was killed in Italy last month.

A 1932 West Point graduate, Col. Darby was a Ranger in Italy in Sicily and in the Italian Alps. Many Allied nations decorated him.

CITY C. O. P. COMMITTEE SPENT \$734.3 MORE THAN RECEIVED

Expenditures of the Republican City Central Committee during the majority campaign this spring exceeded receipts by \$734.3.

It is shown in a report filed yesterday with the Recorder of Deeds by Alfred L. Grattendick, treasurer of the committee. Contributions totaled \$52,205 and expenditures \$52,939.34.

Among the larger contributions to the committee's campaign fund were \$2500 from the Kauffman for Mayor Committee; \$500 each from Prosecuting Attorney William C. Ford Jr., chairman of the Committee; Chairman Louis J. Reidel and Fifth Ward Committeeman Joe Spicuzza; \$300 each from Anton Schuler, clerk of the Court of Criminal Correction, and James L. Ford, Jr., chairman of the Citizens' Smoke Elimination Committee. The Republican City Fi-

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ADOLF HITLER : PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF CAREER OF THE GERMAN DICTATOR



DICTATOR IN ACTION Der Fuehrer, in character as the hysterical orator who defied the world, is shown in Vienna's Heroes' Square on March 15, 1938, as he proclaimed Austria's incorporation into the Greater Reich. —Associated Press Wirephoto.



FUTURE FUEHRER This Austrian baby, born April 20, 1889, at Braunau to a minor official and his third wife, was destined to grow up to become the most hated man of his time and a chief perpetrator of the world's most devastating war. The Nazi radio reported Hitler died at his post in his Reichschancellery headquarters during the battle of Berlin yesterday.



LITTLE CORPORAL After an indifferent schooling and an early career as an odd-jobs man and paperhanger, the young Austrian emigrated to Germany and joined the imperial army when the Reich launched World War I. Hitler (with mustache), is shown with two comrades in arms at Munich in 1916. The Corporal then was 27 years old.



JAILBIRD After the war, Hitler returned to Munich and, as a professional agitator who found a defeated Germany made to order, began his struggle for power. Organizer of the Nazi party in 1920, he suffered a major setback three years later in the abortive Munich beer hall putsch, was convicted of sedition and given a five-year sentence. He is pictured in Cell No. 7 of Landsberg Fortress, where he served from April 1 to Dec. 19, 1924, and wrote "Mein Kampf." —International News Photo.



RISEING POLITICIAN With his rarely photographed sister, Herr Hitler, now leader of a growing party with its brown-shirted Storm Troopers, sits in his headquarters in the Brown House of Munich and reads a favorable newspaper article. The fateful 1932 election was but a few months ahead. —Associated Press Photo.



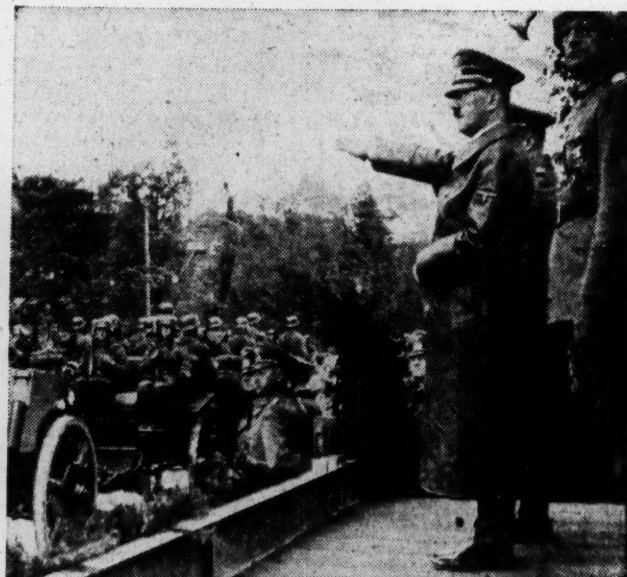
WINNING LOSER After voting in the 1932 election, Hitler receives a bouquet from a young admirer as supporters give the Nazi salute. Hitler, a candidate for president against the aged Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, was defeated in a run-off, but his party won 230 Reichstag seats, a grant of power that helped pave the way for the chancellorship, which he assumed Jan. 30, 1933. —Associated Press Photo.



DEFERENTIAL CHANCELLOR Now Germany's chancellor—and dictator—by reluctant appointment of Von Hindenburg, Hitler bows reverently to the old warrior before the Berlin State Opera, after a memorial service Feb. 25, 1934. Hitler, in power little more than a year, was to be free of all controls with the death of the Marshal a few months later. —Associated Press Photo.

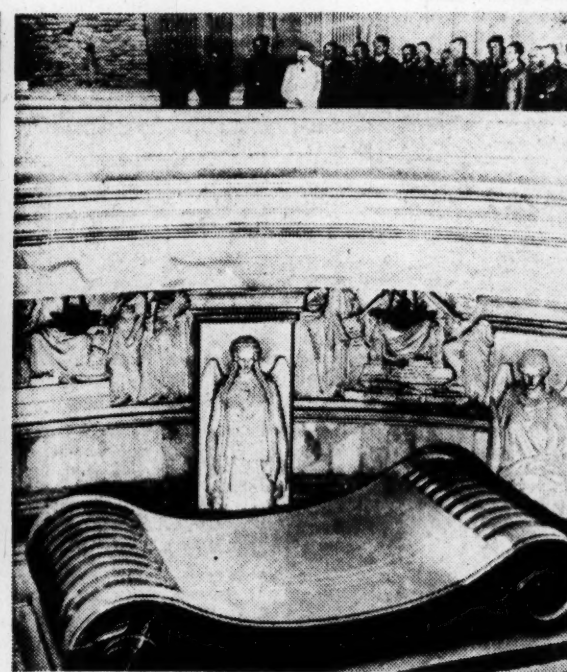


'PEACE OF MUNICH' With his successful march into the Rhineland and the seizure of Austria behind him, Hitler scored his most notable diplomatic triumph September 29, 1938, when he browbeat Britain and France into a pact that reduced Czechoslovakia to a slave state which he later carved into Nazi provinces. Here, Hitler shakes hands with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Britain after signing the Munich "peace pact." Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador to Berlin, stands beside Chamberlain. —Associated Press Wirephoto.



POLAND: FIRST BLITZ VICTIM

First World War II victory of the Nazi war machine was the three-week conquest of Poland. Der Fuehrer, wearing his "victory or death" uniform, reviews his invaders in blasted Warsaw. The march into Poland Sept. 1, 1939, brought war with Britain and France two days later. Russia, with which the Reich had a nonaggression pact, sent troops in to occupy eastern Poland. —International News Photo.



CONQUEROR OF FRANCE

In white dress uniform, Hitler, conqueror of France, gazes at the tomb of Napoleon in the Hotel des Invalides in Paris—newest in his list of provincial capitals—in June, 1940. Like Napoleon, he was to make the fatal error of invading Russia one year later. —International News Photo.



PARTNERS IN CRIME

Der Fuehrer and Benito Mussolini, ex-dictator of Italy, who was executed by Italian patriots Saturday, in the happy days when they forged the Axis and held saber-rattling conferences. The occasion is Hitler's state visit to Italy in 1938; the scene is Florence. Mussolini was ousted July 25, 1943, and, after Italy's unconditional surrender, was rescued by Nazi paratroopers. Since, he had headed an Italian puppet government. —International News Photo.



WITH GANGSTER AIDE Hitler standing confidently beside Heinrich Himmler (left), head of the Gestapo whom he put in command of home front forces, at a capital function. Himmler, "most dreaded man in the Reich," made a practice of going to occupied areas to personally institute Nazi control measures. —International News Photo.

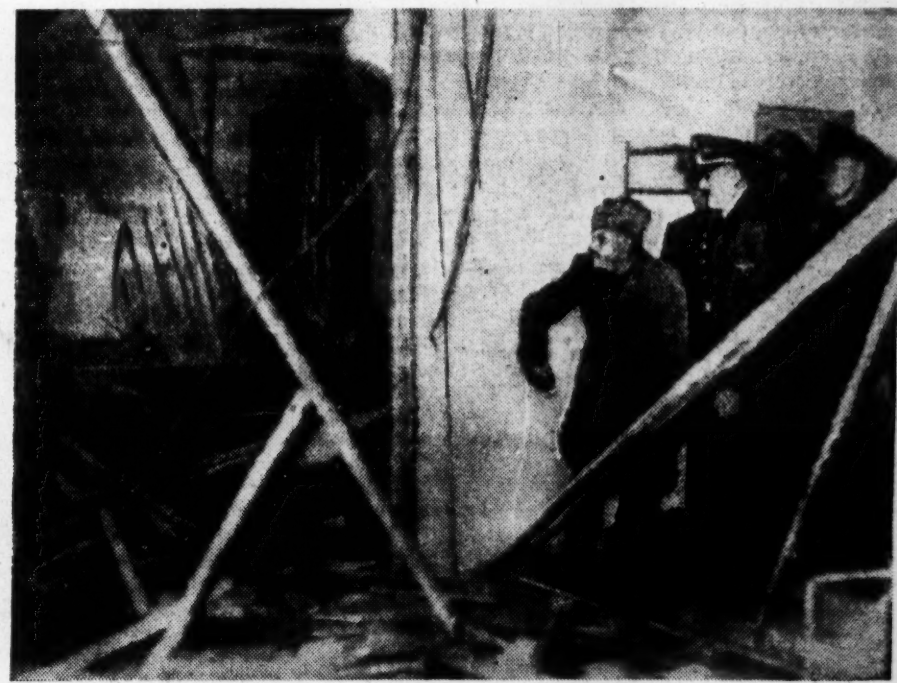


NAZI 'BIG THREE'

An unusual study of the dictator, with Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering (left), Luftwaffe chief, and Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, propaganda minister, as they listened to a speech at an international automobile meeting in Berlin before the Reich went to war. —Associated Press Photo.

HARBINGER OF DISASTER

Hitler (center of group), and Mussolini, (left), inspecting damage to the room at Hitler's headquarters where a bomb exploded July 20, 1944, in the attempt to assassinate the Fuehrer. The plot led to a purge of high military officials. —Associated Press Wirephoto.



My OPINION

By MARTHA CARR

Dear Martha Carr:

I AM a woman age 26, have been married nine years and have two children. My little boy is 8 years old and my baby 11 months. Lately I have been getting letters about how my husband is going out with other women. The one I got today gave me orders that if I didn't want trouble I should divorce him. My husband and I have always got along all right, and nothing seemed wrong between us until I began to get these letters. What shall I do?

Letters intended for this column must be addressed to Martha Carr at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mrs. Carr will answer all questions of general interest, but of course, cannot give advice on matters of a purely legal or medical nature. Those who do not care to have their letters published may enclose an addressed and stamped envelope for personal reply.

It is quite possible these letters are from some mischief-maker trying to cause trouble. You would be wise to ignore them. Better still, destroy them unread. The important thing is that you know nothing against your husband and he has always been good to you. Until you personally discover the reverse to be true, pay no heed to letters, anonymous or otherwise.

WE ARE THREE teen-age girls, all in the same year at school. One of the boys we know went into the Navy a little while ago. Would it be all right for us to write him? He has a girl friend and she is the only person we know who has his address. Do you think it would be all right to ask her for it and tell her why we want it? Also, this town we live in is terribly boring, not a thing to do. The only place to dance is in a tavern a mile or so from town and our parents hit the ceiling if we go near it. We would like so much to start a Teen-Town, but haven't had much success talking the matter over, perhaps because we don't know just how to go about it. Have you some suggestions?

Why not ask the girl friend instead of me? Perhaps she would mind quite a bit if three attractive girls started writing her special friend. Wouldn't you two be just as happy if you would hunt up some unattached lad to write to who would appreciate gay letters now and then, rather than take on one who is already spoken for? As to the Teen-Town, approach the principal of your school, the pastor of your church or one of the city fathers. Ask for a room in the school or church basement or the parish house, or for the use of some vacant store. Get a few of your parents to act as sponsors and chaperones, and to donate a ping-pong table, various games, magazines, a radio, even perhaps a juke box. Elect officers among yourselves. Limit the members to young people 13 through 18. Arrange perhaps to sell cokes and candy bars on which you can make some profit for the club, and charge 10 cents per month dues to each member. You might have the hours as follows: Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p. m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 p. m. to midnight; Sundays, 4-11 p. m. This gives you a general idea, you'll have to work out the general details of your Teen-Town for yourselves.

IN ANSWER TO "Daily Reader": Most of the cosmetic counters carry a preparation made to hide or cover scars. Not knowing the nature of yours, I can't tell whether this preparation would do the trick, but you can always try.

IN ANSWER TO "Soldier From the Pacific": In the 1944 presidential election, the electoral vote was as follows: Republican, 99; Democratic, 492.

IN ANSWER TO "La Verne": The "stuck-up" look your mother mentions may well be at the bottom of your trouble. Often, however, very shy girls have this appearance, which doesn't mean a thing. My "Popularity Hints" will help you, and for a stamped, self-addressed envelope you may have it.

The Record Makers

By Charles Menees

THE twangy-voiced Andrews Sisters have a new boy friend on records—Dick Haymes. With Richard, they do Vincent Youmans' "Great Day" and the nostalgic "Pack Up Your Troubles, Etc., and Smile, Smile, Smile," on a new Decca disc. "Great Day" has a monotonous introduction and a dull solo by Haymes in the middle. "Smile" is a bit more spirited, but Dick just doesn't have the Crosby ebullience to raise the number from mediocrity. Vic Schoen's band accompanies. Others by Decca: Haymes sounds more at home on his solo bracketing of "Laura" and "The Night Is Young and You're So Beautiful." The saccharine "Laura" should furnish competition for the pitiful Freddy Martin version. Louis Jordan, who introduced Fieele (not Phil) Moore's "Caldonia," does it with groovy accompaniment, but the singing is overdone in spots by Jordan. Reverse is "Somebody Done Changed the Lock on My Door," a blues fox trot which Louis sings with spirit. There isn't enough of Jordan's sax work on these sides. Felix Knight, tenor, pleasingly does the first waxing of "Blue Bird of Happiness," the inspirational song which has won such a radio following in its transcribed version. Knight's other one is "Sweetheart of All My Dreams."

LOUIS PRIMA's latest novelty bust is "Please No Squeezas Da Banana," a fruit vendor's lament. Other side has Lily Ann Carol passably singing "I Was Here When You Left Me." The Three Suns do "Out of This World" and "Up Jumped Love." Both of these majestic records are available here. Columbia's new Tommy Tucker Time record has maudlin versions of "Some Day, Somewhere" and "Bala" (pronounced Bah-e-ah), from "The Three Caballeros." This number is done by Crosby and Cugat on a forthcoming Decca job.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER: Coleman Hawkins and his Sax Ensemble do some interesting work on a new Keynote disc pairing "Sunny Side of the Street" and "Louise." "Sunny Side" is given over to Altoist Tab Smith, whose lyrical, fluid solos and cadenzas establish him as a most underrated musician. Hawkins is there with his tenor, of course, and Harry Carney slips in a baritone sax solo. Johnny Guarneri comes through with delightful pianistic shading from Waller forcefulness to Basie delicacy. "Louise" has solos by the same performers and also Don Byas, other tenor in the group. Sid Catlett is the drummer and Al Lucas the bass. . . . Johnny Mercer's next Capitol hit will probably be his own number "The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe." . . . Decca has an album of tunes from the play "Up in Central Park" on the way. Woody Herman's next Columbia pair is "Out of This World" and "Apple Honey." . . . Art Tatum has recorded a new album of piano solos for Asch.

Wisdom Is Product of Experience

By Angelo Patri

WISDOM is the product of experience and it comes very slowly to most of us. When we acquire wisdom we are not long for this earth. It is a truth, the old proverb, "If youth but would, it age but could." Youth cannot be wise because it has not experience and so cannot act with wisdom. Age may have the wisdom but it has passed the time for action.

ONE THING WORSE, one step ahead of that folly, is lecturing little children on right and wrong, and why. Little children cannot hear any meaning in such words because meaning must be born of experience. These little ones can have had no experience of the sort needed to distinguish between right and wrong. The only thing to do is to save one's breath, tell them what to do and see that they do it and be done with it. Talking reasoning with them, as people call it, is sheer waste of energy. And it teaches little children NOT to listen to what is told them and so sets the stage for disrespect and disobedience.

When children reach the age of reflection, and they have set the germ of judgment and reason, it is time to begin to explain, but briefly. The truth needs no embroidery. State it and let it lie. In time it will be to function. Just begin. Wait patiently for it and save words.

How It Started

By Jean Newton

For overcoming reserve or taking steps to ease a difficult situation, "breaking the ice" sounds like modern American slang; but it is neither native nor modern! We have it from England, where it began to appear in literature in the latter part of the sixteenth century, and was probably in the spoken language earlier.

While there are as many ways of breaking the ice as there are rough roads to be smoothed or complicated situations to be simplified, it is not often that we find the phrase used in connection with a man who marries an older woman so as to release the younger to marry the man she loves.

This is exactly what Shakespeare has one of his characters do. And while lesser writers than the great bard have contempered rhapsody and even had the jump on him in using the phrase, it was his use of the metaphor which popularized it and so started it off for its rendezvous with modern American slang!

In "The Taming of the Shrew," Act 1, Scene 2, Tranio, addressing Petruchio, pleads: "And if you break the ice, and do this feat, achieve the older, set the younger (daughter) free. For our access, whose hap shall be to have her. Will not so gracefully be to be ingrate."

The man who got ahead of Shakespeare in recording this phrase in literature was Sir Thomas North, who in putting into English a French translation of Plutarch's Lives, has it, under date of 1579, as: "To be the first to break the ice of the enterprise." And that sense of merely starting an undertaking, was how the expression was originally used in common speech.

"Through Valley of the Shadow" St. Louis Paratrooper-Chaplain Tells of Invasion and Prisoner Experiences

By Helen Clanton

THE plane, one of hundreds, roared across the English channel. As it crossed over Cherbourg peninsula, the grim-faced young paratroopers in the plane, some chewing gum nervously, stepped to the open side door, took a deep breath, jumped and were whipped out into the blackness below. They were armed to the hilt with guns, grenades and knives. That is, all but one, Capt. R. Mansel Hennon, paratrooper-chaplain of St. Louis. When he jumped he was armed only with his faith, a first aid kit and his Bible.

The other day, after eleven months as a German prisoner, Chaplain Hennon, tall, clean cut, good looking, sat in an office at Jefferson Barracks and talked of the experience to this reporter. "I prayed as I jumped," he recalled. "I think all the men did. When I got down, I looked back up at the sky. Gliders swooped down like great birds. The sky was full of Allied planes. Flak and enemy flares lighted up the whole countryside. I thought it was the most beautiful sight I had ever seen! It was the last time anything looked beautiful to me for a long time."

Chaplain Hennon told how his little group, attached to the 507th Parachute Regiment, had fought valiantly for four days after invasion day before being captured. Meanwhile, he went among them doing good, always ready to open his Bible to comforting passages for the wounded and dying who wanted to hear. "Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

It was the Germans' treatment of his Bible, which proved to be the center of his real comfort for religion. One of the first things the Germans did to the paratroopers after capturing them was to take away all personal identification papers and medical identification equipment. When Chaplain Hennon was brought before the German officer in charge of the group, he tried to point out that as a chaplain he had a right to his religious materials and his Bible.

"It seemed to make him angrier," he recalls. "The officer destroyed all my religious equipment, and tossed my Bible in the mud. 'Bah,' he swore, 'you-murderer, killer of women. Later I got the attention of a meek-looking German private, pointed to my Bible, and indicated that I wanted it back. The guy turned out to be a good Joe, and sneaked it to me. Mine turned out to be the only whole Bible in prison camp, and the men read it over and over. No wonder I prize it so highly."

The Germans herded their prisoners back toward Cherbourg, leaving the wounded paratroopers without medical attention, always forcing the prisoners to remain in exposed positions when they came



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in line of American fire. "I tried and tried to stop a moment with the dying," the chaplain explains. "Men of our regiment were all around, bleeding to death from wounds, some with arms and legs torn off my shells. I was never allowed to render first aid or give them spiritual comfort."

THE Germans soon saw the futility of staying on the Cherbourg peninsula, and began an escape march with the prisoners toward the center of France. For almost a week they marched, with little time to rest. Chaplain Hennon bore up under the physical strain better than many of his comrades. From time to time he started the men singing hymns. "Nearer My God to Thee" was a favorite, he remembers. "The men need religion when they're in a spot like that."

The captors provided no food, and little water to the Americans on the trek back through France, and the prisoners would have starved if it had not been possible from time to time to buy a little milk or bread from the French peasants. "We were finally taken to an encampment outside the town of Tassy," Chaplain Hennon said. "We called it 'Starvation Hill.' The Germans themselves

were short on provisions and began slaughtering the cows and horses they found in the country. They cooked the meat for themselves and tossed us the bloody bones."

From Tassy, the prisoners were marched farther into Central France, to be packed into boxcars headed for the Reich. In a single car, 104 men were crowded so tightly that only 12 could sleep at a time, lying down. "We were locked in, without food and water. We had no facilities for washing and no latrines. When we reached our prison camp, Oflag 64, near Schubin, in German-occupied Poland, most of us were sick," Chaplain Hennon says.

Once the prisoners were settled in camp, things began to brighten up. They were allowed to have their own camp organization, and Red Cross packages arrived to supplant their meager prison fare. "I was the first chaplain to arrive, but I was not allowed to hold religious services at first. After protesting by letter to Geneva, I finally won that privilege," the St. Louisan continued. "Practically every man in camp wanted to go to church."

Instead of destroying their faith, the prison experience deepened the spiritual values of the

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I'm saying this because so many of us are discouraged now, particularly those of us who have passed our first youth. We watch the blaring scene around us and long to be part of it, but we think we've lost our chance.

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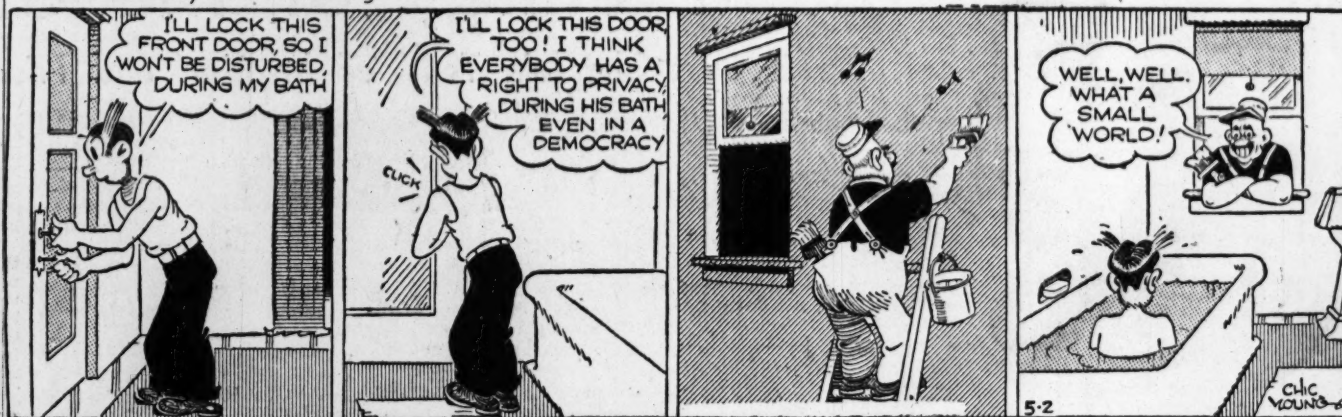
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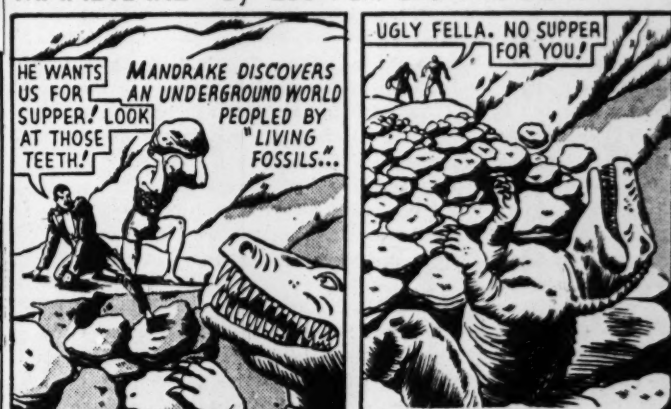
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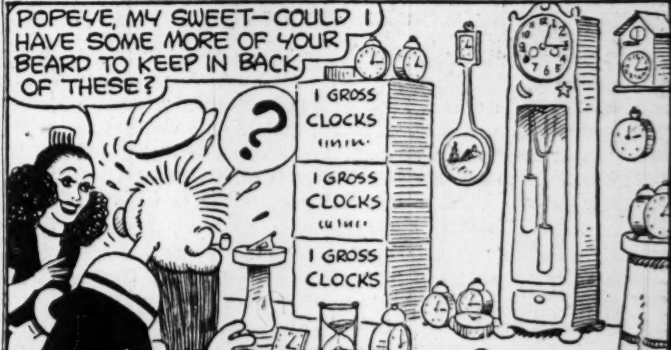
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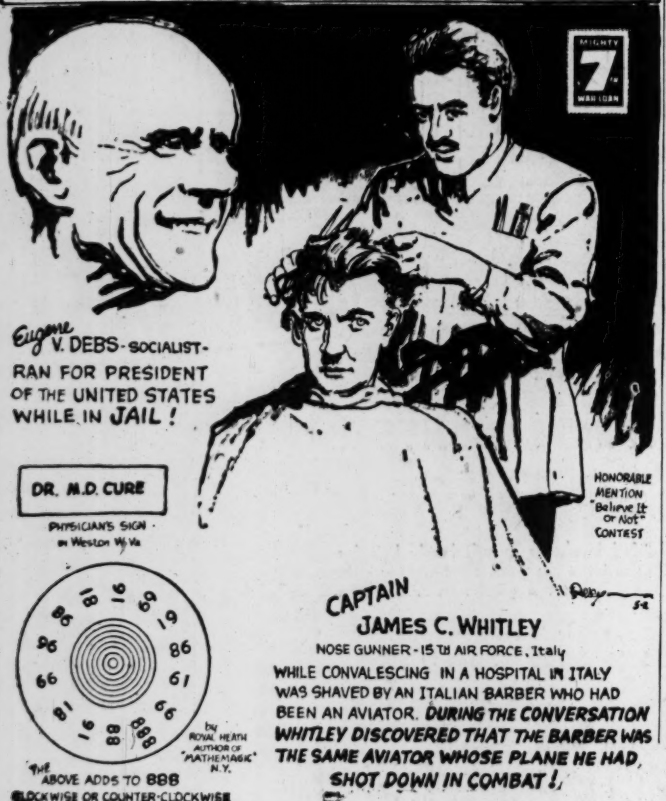
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